

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 8th December 1998, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)

Mr R Moyle

Mrs R Saunders

Mrs L Spicer

Mr K Topham - from Item 6 - prior attendance at School Governors' meeting.

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Two Local Government Electors.

1 APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Mrs D Edmonds, Mr M Oakland (both business) and from Mrs M Pickford (bereavement).

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last Meeting, 10th November, were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Groby Parish Council (Item 3). A further letter from the Chairman of Groby had been received, indicating dissatisfaction with the Police response to their beat policing disquiet and calling a further meeting. Again it was felt that no reaction was called for.

4 PLAYING FIELD

Mrs Saunders gave details of various grants available towards the cost of the path across the playing field. It was agreed, on the Chairman's suggestion, that consideration of these should be deferred until the next meeting, in order to obtain a fully representative response.

A group from Brooksby College will arrange to tidy up the trees and shrubs around the perimeter on a voluntary basis. Mr Charles Pitt is arranging to carry out safety work on playground equipment at a cost of £255 plus VAT. There has been further graffiti and a group of four individuals is believed to be responsible. The PFA will take steps to warn them off.

Cornhill Insurance have indicated an annual premium of £6 per £1000 to insure the safety surfaces and it was agreed to arrange cover accordingly. There is a £75 excess.



The PFA Annual Accounts for year ended 31st March 1998 have been received showing a balance of £1378. The Chairman observed that the 'Details of Trust' were out of date and Mrs Saunders undertook to advise the PFA accordingly.

5 BURIAL GROUND

A letter from Mr & Mrs A Peberdy, 40 Wymeswold Lane, Burton was read, protesting that the hedge between their property and the burial ground and that adjoining Melton Road/ Wymeswold Lane had been cut too low, enabling their horse to jump out of the paddock. P & J had recently cut the Burial Ground hedge on our behalf but the Clerk had inspected it and it was not lower than 5 ft, which seemed not unreasonable. A proportion of trimmings had fallen over to the Peberdy's paddock and been left there as P & J say they had no authority to enter the paddock. They are willing to come back and remove these if required. The hedge alongside the roads appears to have been cut by the County Council at about the same time and it was agreed that the Clerk would advise the Peberdys to take up their complaint direct with them. Their letter also asked for a sign regarding dog mess outside their property but it was felt more appropriate to draw attention to this problem in the Press Release.

It was agreed to invite tenders for maintenance of the Burial Ground, Playing Field etc from G & J Lambert as well as from P & J, for 1999.

6 VILLAGE HALL

Charles Lowe & Sons have indicated that a new **War Memorial** might cost about £1500 all in. They estimate that 329 characters are required and have found a craftsman who can carve at an estimated four letters per hour, at £10 per hour, thus about £800 for that element. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would call on Mr Richard Lowe to examine the matter further, in particular to assess whether a more modern design, perhaps with painted rather than carved letters would be appropriate.

A copy letter from Mr Colin Betts giving details of the Trustee arrangements had been supplied to Mrs Edmonds and Mrs Pickford (as well as to Mrs Saunders for the PFA), following which Accounts for both 1996 and 1997 have been received from the Management Committee, the more recent showing a balance of £11,068.72. It was noted that both revenue and costs had fallen last year and that current refurbishment works were not included.

The overhanging tree on Seymour Road has still not been trimmed back by the Borough Council and they have been reminded this week.

An insurance claim has been submitted for recent gale damage to the roof and vandalism to the perimeter wall. The annual Electrical Inspection will be carried out shortly.

7 PLANNING

County Structure Plan, 1991-2011. Our comments have been acknowledged and will receive consideration.

Proposed Housing Development at Cotes. The Clerk has discussed our views with the Clerk at Hoton and with Mrs Angela Thorpe of the Wolds Action Committee. Hoton do not meet again until after Christmas and the Action Committee appears to be more or less inactive at present.

P/98/01929 - proposed retention of five portakabins on Wymeswold Airfield (Everyman Racing). These portakabins have been in place for some time as part of the activities covered by 97/00687. It was agreed to raise no objection.

P/98/01928 - proposed use of airfield including Hangar 4 and ex Control Tower for emergency services operational training (Operational Training Environments Ltd.) A detailed prospectus accompanied this Application from which it appeared that these will be large scale activities involving all manner of emergency equipment including helicopters, with simulated fires and other emergency scenarios. Activities would take place 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday with occasional weekend and night time exercises. The operators themselves say that such a facility should be at a remote site. It was agreed to oppose this application strenuously and to convey our views to the Parish Councils at Hoton and Wymeswold. Mr Topham volunteered to attend the Borough Council Planning meeting at which this will be considered.

8 MILLENNIUM

There have been no further developments as regards our Millennium project although a press report indicates that the Borough Council have approved a £2500 grant, as requested.

The Chairman has spoken to Mr Barrie Atkinson about the Millennium Book suggestion and he will attend our January meeting. He is willing to get involved personally although he has no computer, which could be a drawback.

9 TRAFFIC

A letter from the Senior Traffic Management Officer of Leicestershire Constabulary gave little hope of an early traffic census. It was agreed to ask Any Reed MP to help.

A lengthy letter from Mr P J Preston, Team Leader at the County Council Department of Planning & Transportation was discouraging in its refusal to accept that Burton was treated differently to neighbouring villages as regards positioning of 30mph signs. It was agreed to make one further attempt to correct their lack of understanding of the problem and to ask County Councillor Mrs Goodman to intervene.

There has been no response from the Borough Council to our complaint about Jempson lorries in Burton and they will be reminded.

The Divisional Engineer at Melton Mowbray has asked for items for inclusion in next year's highway maintenance programme and it was agreed to ask for resurfacing of the B676 through Burton, particularly Melton Road from the village centre to Wymeswold Lane. At the same time the adverse camber on part of that section should be addressed.

10 POULTRY FARM

Beverly Green has advised today that the Court hearing fixed for 9th December has been adjourned until 10th February. The owner is proposing that, instead of closure of the two older houses, a 'Skov' ventilating system be installed. Whilst it is understood that this reduces odour, it is not clear whether it is dust effective. The Borough have asked whether Mr Wheeler would accept post-installation monitoring. The Department are placing the issues before their Committee on 11th January. Invited to comment, a Local Government Elector suggested that the Barrister consulted by the Borough had been asked only about odour and not about dust. It was agreed to check this with the Assistant Director, Mr Fisk.

11 ENVIRONMENT

Lion's Mouth Fountain. Moss Solicitors have now sent the Lease for signature and it was duly signed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman and witnessed by the Clerk. It now goes to the Edmondsons for signature.

Open Space, St Philips Road. A letter from the Director of Housing and Public Services confirms that they have taken possession of this piece of land and that maintenance work has already been carried out, thus bringing this long standing matter to a close. It was agreed to write thanking the Borough for their efforts.

Travellers. The group at the allotment car park are still there. The Clerk will ask Mr Peatfield to respond to the point raised by Mr Topham at the October meeting.

Noise from Prestwold Estate/Wymeswold Airfield. Mr Andrew Dudley, Borough Council Enforcement Officer, has been told by Andrew Granger that Everyman Racing are definitely not operating on Sundays. They are willing to meet us and it was agreed that Mr Moyle would discuss the issue with Mr Dudley. Mr Moyle believes that it is a private haulage company who are operating on Sundays.

Flooding in Burton. Mr Andrew Lorimer of the County Council has offered several dates for a meeting. It was agreed to accept 15th December at 2 p.m. and the the Chairman, Mrs Saunders and the Clerk will attend.

Grants for Footpaths and Bridleways. Mrs Saunders summarised the County Council proposals whereby Parish Councils can become involved with maintenance, improvement and promotion of local paths and receive 100% grants for costs incurred. It was agreed to pursue this with Mr Eddie McWilliam, Right of Way Promotions Officer. It was thought that G & J Lambert could be invited to quote.

Wall at foot of Council Houses, Seymour Road, Burton. Mrs Pickford had advised the Clerk that this wall is becoming dangerous, seemingly due to a build up of pressure from the earth above. Enquiries will be made as to which properties are still Borough Council owned and which have been sold off.

CBC Environmental Charter Consultation and Environment Challenge. These documents were noted and no action taken. The former will be circulated.

12 FINANCIAL

Funds decreased by £537.91 taking the Current/Business Reserve to £7,901.28. A letter from the Deputy Chief Executive of the NALC, passed on by the County Association, recommended that we pay the outstanding Auditors' account. This advice was accepted whilst noting that the Association's response was both tardy and ineffectual.

The £500 grant for the school footpath is as yet unpaid. Mr Topham is arranging for an invoice to be sent. The replacement Notice Board outside the Village Hall is now in place. Application will be made to the Borough for the 50% grant. It was agreed to authorise Peberdy's to repaint the other three boards at £ 40.00 each.

The Precept Demand Form for next year has been received and the Clerk will prepare a budget for the next meeting to enable this to be fixed.

13 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies	Salary/exp. Nov.	202.66
PricewaterhouseCoopers	Audit, 1996/7	264.38
Viking Direct	Inkjets	59.89
Wolds Property	Noticeboard/Fountain	275.00
Peberdy's	Painting N/board	70.50
G & J Lambert	repair Bus Shelter	64.00
SLCC	subscription	40.00

14 MISCELLANEOUS

A Community Council circular regarding the **Better Villages Competition**, Boundary Commission Newsletter regarding **European Parliamentary Constituencies** and Borough Council circular **Action for a Better Charnwood** were noted. The latter will be circulated.

Mr Oakland commented that the Saturday morning post office collection from Burton at 8.00 a.m. is too early and that 10.30 a.m. as on weekdays would be more suitable. The Clerk will take this up with the authority.

15 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover the St Philips Road open space, School footpath, proposed Airfield Emergency Services facility, the fountain, Notice Board, Millennium update and dog fouling.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 10th November 1998, commencing at 7.30 pm

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)

Mrs D Edmonds

Mr R Moyle

Mr M Oakland

Mrs M Pickford

Mrs R Saunders

Mr K Topham - from Item 6 (Pinfold) - prior attendance at School Governors' meeting

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor) - left after Item 7.
Three Local Government Electors.

1 APOLOGIES

There was an apology for absence from Mrs L Spicer (indisposed).

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting, 13th October, were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Groby Parish Council (Item 3). Further letters from Groby and Anstey Parish Councils were read expressing their unhappiness with the Chief Constable's intervention in the beat policing debate. It was felt that the problems referred to did not apply to us and no action was taken.

4 PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

Mrs Saunders advised that two quotations had been received to lay a concrete path four feet wide from the Towles Field gate to Barrow Road corner (adjacent to Pepper's Field), each approx. £6000. The path would be outside the perimeter of the cricket field but Mr Oakland asked that it be clarified that there would be a sufficient margin between the touchline of the football pitch and the path to eliminate risk of injury to players. There may be grants available to the PFA from other sources and the PFA Committee will investigate before applying to the Parish Council for funding.

5 VILLAGE HALL

Charles Lowe & Sons of Loughborough have been asked to quote for a Second World War Memorial and the First War Memorial is with them at present to enable them to quote for as close a match as possible.

Mrs Edmonds confirmed that the Management Committee funds stand at approx. £11,000 (see Minutes 8th September). She asked for details of the relationship between the Management Committee and the Parish Council and the Clerk undertook to obtain this.

Mrs Edmonds also advised that the refurbishment work is now substantially complete and paid for, apart from a few small items. The Clerk advised that the Borough Council Parks Department are responsible for maintaining the small piece of land on Seymour Road adjacent to the Hall and have agreed to trim back the overhanging tree.

6 PLANNING

County Structure Plan 1991 - 2011 Consultation Draft (deferred from last meeting.) It was agreed to write to the County Council expressing disquiet about the policy that existing car parks should be managed 'so as not to favour commuters' as it was felt that this could discriminate against residents of villages such as ours.

Proposed Housing Development at Cotes. The Clerk distributed a summary of a Borough Council Planning Committee minute dated 24th September under the heading "Omission of Eastern Ring Road to Loughborough". It appeared that Bryant Homes have asked the Draft Local Plan Inquiry Inspector to reserve a corridor for such a road which clearly leaves the door open for a revival of the Cotes housing development. It appears that the Planning Committee is now more sympathetic to this proposal. It was agreed to contact the Wolds Action Committee and Hoton Parish Council for their views before taking any action.

The Pinfold, Melton Road, Melton. Mr Peter Shaw, who was present, had unearthed letters from Straw & Pearce, Solicitors, dated 1957 and also consulted various plans in his possession, all of which had the effect of confirming that there is no evidence that the Parish Council owns or did own any land other than that on which the Pinfold stood prior to its sale to Mr Hubbard. (This relates to the potential development of land off Brook Street/ Melton Road.)

7 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Traffic through Burton. A letter dated 8th November from the Traffic Management Department of the Leicestershire Constabulary confirms that they will carry out a census of traffic but are as yet unable to say when. It was

agreed to press them for a date since this information is needed before further steps can be taken in the current campaign.

30 MPH signs, Loughborough Road, Burton. Checks in Hoton, Wymeswold and Walton had revealed that in all cases 30 mph limits start beyond the first habitation. A response has been sent to the County Council pointing this out as well as drawing attention to other inaccuracies in their letter, with a request that they reconsider. The Clerk was asked to obtain information about the installation of speed cameras.

Jempson Lorry Park, Wymeswold Ind. Estate. A letter was sent to the Charnwood Head of Development Control on 26th October drawing attention to the apparent failure by Jempson to 'largely direct generated traffic away from local villages' as required by their planning consent. No reply has been received as yet.

'Losing Lanes to Lorries'. The Clerk will obtain copies of this CPRE publication for all Councillors.

8 MILLENNIUM COMMEMORATION

Our application for £2500 grant from Charnwood Borough has now been submitted.

A number of Councillors felt that Mr Barrie Atkinson's Millennium Book suggestion (deferred from the last meeting) has merit and it was agreed that the Chairman would speak to Mr Atkinson to see whether he would attend a future meeting for further discussion and also whether he would be prepared to head up the project. It was noted that the Wolds Historical Organisation is planning to compile a record of life in the Wolds villages as at the end of the century and felt that these two projects could well complement each other.

9 POULTRY FARM

There was no further news.

10 ENVIRONMENT

Lion's Mouth Fountain. A copy of the draft lease has now been obtained from Moss Solicitors. Final confirmation that the Edmondsons' Building Society have no objection is still awaited. It was proposed Mrs Pickford, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried unanimously that the Parish Council should enter into the lease with the Edmondsons once the Building Society has given its approval. It was agreed to investigate insurance of our liability.

Open Space, St Philips Road. It was considered that the suggestions made by Mr Peatfield at the last meeting were not practicable as the strip of land is too narrow. The Borough Council will be advised accordingly.

Travellers. It has not been possible to turn off the water taps, the valve at the Allotments not having been traced and that at the Burial Ground requiring a special implement, being well below ground. The latest half year water bills, just received, give no indication of excessive use, indeed there has been no measurable use whatever at the Burial Ground.

Mr Jamie Bailey has been consulted and confirms that he requires access for agricultural machinery to a field through the allotment car park. He has outlined plans to make it impossible for caravans, buses etc to use the car park once the present travellers leave, whilst still allowing cars to park.

An Inspector from the Borough Environmental Services visited the site but found nothing to justify action on their part. The travellers told him that they take their domestic refuse to the tip, and intend to be gone by Christmas.

Footway alongside Prestwold Estate, Loughborough Road, Burton. Mr Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe had responded to say that the overhanging trees would be cut back shortly. This is done every two years. It was agreed to write thanking Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe for his cooperation and also for recent clearance of footpaths on the Estate.

Noise from Prestwold Estate/Wymeswold Airfield. There has been no response to our latest letter to the Head of Development Control at the Borough Council. Mr Moyle advised that activities on Sundays are continuing and this will again be reported.

Flooding in Burton. A detailed letter from the Director of Planning and Technical Services at Charnwood Borough explaining the situation was read. Further news from the County Council is still awaited and they will be reminded of this.

Parish Charter. As a result of the discussion with the Borough Chief Executive last month, it was decided not to pursue the possibility of arranging street cleaning locally. Mr Peatfield had now circulated a Borough Pledge, an Undertaking by Charnwood Borough Council to all Town and Parish Councils, and it was agreed to distribute copies to each Councillor.

Grants for Footpaths and Bridleways Back in October 1996 the County Council had sent round a circular advising that full grants were available to Parish Councils maintaining their own footpaths and bridleways. Consideration of this had been deferred until the changes locally had been completed. Mrs Saunders agreed to look at this and report back to the next meeting.

Bus Shelter, Cotes. Graham Lambert has quoted £64.00 to make the necessary repairs and it was agreed to accept this quotation.

11 FINANCIAL

Funds decreased by £157.45 in October taking the Current/Business Reserve to £8,439.19. The 1997/98 Audit was completed and signed off by the Auditors on 20th October. The matter of the previous year's fee is still unresolved. A letter has been received from the Headteacher of the Primary School thanking the Council for their support for the new footpath.

12 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

P & J Services	Maint. Oct.	£174.28
K W Davies	Salary/exp. Oct.	215.06
Severn Trent Water	B/G	£14.28
	Pavilion	60.06
	Allotments	<u>5.73</u> 80.07

13 MISCELLANEOUS

Natural Burial Ground, Burton Bandalls. It was agreed that the Council would take no stance on this matter.

Ponds. Copies of the letter from the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers were provided for Mrs Pickford and Mr Topham (for the School).

Rural Transport. An article in 'Village Voice' refers to £560,000 allocations per year, for the next three years, to the County of Leicestershire for rural public transport. It was agreed to write to the County Council requesting that some of this be allocated to improved bus services in our parishes. The Chairman noted that there is a once weekly shopping bus passing through Burton en route Market Bosworth to Nottingham. It was agreed to obtain full details in order to make them more widely known.

Affordable Homes. It was agreed that no action should be taken in response to a letter from the Rural Housing Trust.

Details of **Charnwood Borough Christmas Events** and the '**Pride**' **Five Year Celebration** were noted.

Noticeboards. Mr Ray Hardy has advised that painting of the replacement Board for Burton has been completed and it should be in place shortly.

15 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover the Traffic census and the bus shelter at Cotes.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 13th October 1998, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)
Mr R Moyle
Mr M Oakland
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs R Saunders
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
Mr S Peatfield, Chief Executive, Borough of Charnwood (for
Item 6 only)
Four Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting, 8th September, were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman after the following addition to Item 13 - Cheques: "Authorisation was given for a cheque for £57.57 to Lappset UK Ltd dated 12th August for a slide section."

3 MATTERS ARISING

Grobby Parish Council (Item 3). Mr Saunders had been unable to attend the Meeting on 21st September. A letter had been received from the Chief Constable advising a meeting on 28th October to put the Police point of view. Again Mr Saunders would be invited to attend, if he so wished.

Traffic through Burton (Item 4). Although the main debate on this topic is in Item 8 (below), Mrs Saunders wished to make clear her view that there is virtually no chance of achieving a weight restriction through Burton, given the decisions taken several years ago whereby the B676 became one side of a triangle enclosing the weight restricted area. She believes it would be more fruitful to concentrate on speeding aspects.

Village Hall (Item 7). Mr Oakland queried the figure of £71k. reserves but in Mrs Edmonds' absence clarification was deferred until next meeting.

4 **PLAYING FIELD**

Mrs Saunders reported that a window at the rear of the Pavilion had recently been broken and a manhole cover broken - the latter old and rusting. Both had been replaced. She and the PFA Chairman had recently attended a seminar at which it was learned that more rigorous European standards about to come into force would require regular weekly inspections of play equipment and more detailed 2/3 monthly inspections. The necessary arrangements were being put in hand.

The Committee had considered the Sports Strategy document from the Borough Council and wished to respond positively. The Clerk would arrange accordingly.

5 **VILLAGE HALL**

Efforts to find a craftsman to create a Second War Memorial had failed so far, a number of leads having been unsuccessful. Efforts are continuing.

Mrs Pickford asked for clarification of the boundary around the Hall. This was in the context of whether the Hall Management Committee should be responsible for the overhanging tree on Seymour Road. There was no news of the outstanding Accounts in Mrs Edmonds' absence.

6 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE, BOROUGH OF CHARNWOOD**

The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council, welcomed Mr Stephen Peatfield who first of all responded to several matters of which prior notice had been given to him.

Open Space, St Philips Road. The Borough Council have agreed to take over maintenance of this strip of land and have suggested that, rather than simply keep it tidy, consideration should be given to turning it into a children's woodland project, a Millennium orchard, or something of a similar practical nature. Mr Peatfield has not seen the site himself as yet, but hopes to do so shortly.

Poultry Farm, Sowters Lane, Burton. Following the alternative suggestions put forward by the Owners/Operators, the Borough Council have consulted a Barrister. It would not be proper to divulge his views at a public meeting since further discussions will now be held with the owners/operators in the near future.

Noise from Motorised activities, Prestwold Estate/Wymeswold Airfield. The Clerk had received a letter from the Head of Development Control today advising that the charity event on Sunday 7th June did not have permission although they had indicated that as this was a one-off charity event it was unlikely that preventative action would be taken. The

questions of use on other Sundays, loudspeakers and Helicopters have been taken up with Everyman Racing. Mr Moyle advised that HGV training is continuing on Sundays. Mr Topham asked whether these transgressions would put the operator's licence at risk. Mr Peatfield advised that they did not, although an Enforcement Notice could be served if they continue to transgress.

Parish Charter. Burton, Cotes and Prestwold are almost unique in inquiring about taking on street cleaning in return for an allowance from the Borough. This lack of interest elsewhere makes it difficult to take out just this small area from the total contract. A new contract is about to be negotiated. There is no doubt that Charnwood is perceived as a poor performer at this function and they have recently established that they spend only half what some comparable Boroughs do on the activity. This will have to change. If we want to pursue the matter further, he will need a formal application.

Other Matters. Mr Peatfield gave a brief summary of matter of interest and took questions from members. The following points emerged:

The **Precept** next year should not be above inflation, perhaps less if the Government maintain present levels of support. The Borough Council has underspent this year and reserves are high. They have spent more in the Parishes.

They have sponsored **Works by Local Artists** and photographs were circulated of items which can be loaned to Parish Councils.

Outstanding Planning Applications such as the very old Aviation Activities at Wymeswold Airfield (95/2232) and Use of part of Hangar 4 (97/0515) cannot be brought to a conclusion if applicants do not respond to requests for further information.

Mr Topham passed over a cutting from the Loughborough Echo concerning eviction of **Travellers** by Rushcliffe Borough Council at East Leake and asked why similar action could not be taken in Charnwood. Mr Peatfield replied that that this is largely a Police matter and that Notts. Police take a harder line than their colleagues in Leicestershire. He will respond more fully later and pointed out that the Borough Council have recently issued a policy statement on this subject reflecting their growing concern.

Mr Peatfield then left the Meeting, having been thanked by the Chairman for his participation.

At this point an Elector complained that he had not been given an opportunity to question Mr Peatfield, although the notice of the Meeting in the 'Link' had indicated that such questions would be welcomed. The Chairman regretted that the Elector had been disappointed but pointed out that he is prepared to take questions and comments from the floor if interested parties catch his eye, normally by raising a hand.

7 PLANNING

P/98/01576/2 - proposed erection of bungalow on land opposite Harrow Farm, Burton (Mr M W Boulton). It was agreed to leave this decision to the Borough Council.

A response from the CPRE to our letter of support in respect of Developers' objections to the Local Plan was noted.

Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Structure Plan, 1991 - 2011. A summary document had been circulated to Members, together with a short summary by the Clerk of major issues more fully described in the complete Consultation Draft. Perhaps of concern was the policy that car parks in towns and cities should be managed 'so as not to favour commuters'.

It was agreed to defer discussion until the next meeting. In the meantime, anyone wishing to view the complete document should contact the Clerk.

Post Office, Seymour Road, Burton. The new Post Office had opened on 1st October and the Chairman urged all villagers to make full use of this important facility.

8 TRAFFIC

Traffic through Burton. Further discussion took place on this topic. Andy Reed MP had responded to a letter of thanks advising that he had taken up the matter with the Director of Planning & Transportation at County Hall. It was agreed to ask the police to conduct a traffic census. Following this, the County Director will be invited to meet the Council in the New Year. County Councillor Mrs Goodman should be kept informed of developments

30 MPH signs, Loughborough Road, Burton. An Assistant Engineer had responded on behalf of the Director to say that nothing could be done to move these signs further west. Mr Hemsley, who first raised the issue, had indicated his dissatisfaction with this. It was agreed to check the positioning of such signs in neighbouring villages and, if appropriate, to protest further.

HGV Traffic through Burton during Road Closure. At Mr Topham's suggestion, the Clerk had complained to the Police at Quorn about continuing movements through Burton despite the alternative route recommended by the Highway Authority. An appropriate response had been received.

Jempson Lorry Park, Wymeswold Ind. Estate. From the floor, it was suggested that the large number of Jempson HGV movements through Burton might indicate that they were exceeding permitted levels. The Clerk will ascertain what restrictions there are, if any, upon their operations.

'Kill your Speed' Roadside Posters. The Road Safety Team at the County Council had arranged for posters bearing this message to be displayed in Burton for a short period of time

9 MILLENNIUM

The Application to the Arts Council has been lodged, following consultations with Charnwood Arts Council and East Midlands Arts Board. We are now advised that it will be end February 1999 before a decision is reached. Application will now be made to Charnwood Borough for their £2500 grant.

There was insufficient time to discuss the Millennium Book suggestion and this was deferred until the next meeting.

10 ENVIRONMENT

Lion's Mouth Fountain. Moss Solicitors advise that they have received a letter of Agreement from Mr & Mrs Edmondson. Agreement must now be obtained from their mortgagor, Abbey National, following which early completion is anticipated. As we have not yet seen the lease document, a copy will be requested. The question of Insurance liability was raised and enquiries will be made once the sale is completed.

Travellers. The County Council evicted the travellers from Cotes and they promptly moved on to the car park alongside the allotments in Burton. It was agreed to shut off the water taps at the allotment and burial ground and to advise the Allotment Society, with the suggestion that they might want to deposit a stock of manure there.

The Chairman suggested sealing off the car park once the travellers have gone, leaving an entrance big enough only for private cars. Quotations will be obtained but Jamie Bailey is to be consulted first as it is believed that this may be the only access to one of his fields.

(Mrs Pickford left the Meeting at this point)

Footway alongside Prestwold Estate, Loughborough Road, Burton. The Borough Cleansing Department responded immediately to our request to clear this footway. No sooner had they done so than the County Council dug up and renewed part of it. There has been no response from the Estate Office regarding overhanging trees. This will be taken up direct with Mr Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe.

Prestwold Estate Boundary Wall. Mr Shields had provided a copy letter from the Director of Planning to Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe demanding a meeting to agree action necessary to maintain the wall.

Flooding in Burton. Severn Trent Water advise that they have referred the matter to the Environment Agency, Nottingham.

Refuse Collection and Street Cleansing Meeting. The Clerk circulated a summary of the meeting he had attended with Borough officials in Sileby.

11 FINANCIAL

A VAT refund, bank interest and balance of the Precept had been received which, set off against authorised expenditure, yielded an increase in funds of £3,336.77 in September taking the Current Account/Business Reserve to £8,596.64 and the Capital Reserve to £22,271.27.

The half year Comparison to Budget was distributed, showing a balance so far unused of £1,445.64. The major discrepancy was the unbudgeted £2299.89 for shower refurbishment at the Pavilion and this overspend would continue to show through to year end.

There has been no further news as yet from the School regarding the new pathway.

12 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

P & J Services	Maint. Sept.	£210.58
K W Davies	Salary/exp. Sept.	213.57

13 MISCELLANEOUS

Notice Boards. Ray Hardy had arranged for Alex Peberdy to paint the new board at a cost of £60.00. He is prepared to repaint the existing boards for £40.00 each. These prices were agreed. The new board is to be in grey, to match existing colours, but it was agreed to stipulate green if it has not already been painted.

Natural Burial Ground, Burton Bandalls. A letter has been received from Environ of Leicester advising a proposal to create a Natural Burial Ground on land owned by the Prestwold Estate at Burton Bandalls. Views and feedback are invited. It was agreed to defer this until the next meeting.

LCC DLO. A letter has been received offering the services of the DLO for repairs maintenance, etc. This was noted.

Ambulance Service to Rural Communities. A letter under this heading from East Midlands Unison was noted.

Ponds. A letter from British Trust for Conservation Volunteers regarding preserving and creating ponds was deferred until the next meeting.

Rural Transport Partnership. A leaflet from this organisation was distributed to members.

Prestwold Hall Entrance/Exit Roads. Mr Shields advised that the exit road which made use of part of the old airfield taxiway was in appalling condition, resulting in a tendency for drivers to ignore the one way system. He is taking it up with the Borough Council.

14 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover the Chief Executive's visit and pertinent points, traffic through Burton and the Natural Burial Ground.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 8th September 1998, commencing at 7.30 p.m

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mr R Moyle
Mr M Oakland
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs R Saunders
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

Mr K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: 18 Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence, all Members being present.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last Meeting, 11th August, were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

LCC Small Schools Policy Consultation (Item 14). Mr Craig, Headmaster of the Primary School had completed the Questionnaire in a manner supportive of small schools and this had been returned in the name of the Parish Council.

Groby Parish Council (Item 14). A further request had been received for attendance at their meeting regarding Community Policing and it was agreed that Mrs Saunders should ask her husband if he could attend in view of his involvement with Neighbourhood Watch..

- 4 TRAFFIC THROUGH BURTON.** The Chairman welcomed Andy Reed, MP, who had accepted our invitation to attend for this item. He then gave a short history of traffic problems in the village, culminating in the introduction of the mini roundabout and associated road layout changes in December 1996. Welcome though this was, problems remain through traffic volume and speeding, which lead to environmental damage, including property damage and great danger to pedestrians, especially children.

The root of the problem is that the B676, although only of 'B' status, has no weight restriction, unlike many other such roads in the area. The opening of the 'new' A6 along the Soar Valley followed by the Leicester Western Bypass has not brought the hoped for reduction in traffic. It is estimated that 600 cars and 50 Large Goods Vehicles per hour commonly pass through Burton during the day. Much of this freight traffic is from the M1 at Junction 23 heading for the A46 at Six Hills and sometimes beyond to the A1 (and vice versa). From Junction 23 to Six Hills via Burton is 11 miles and to make the same journey by the new roads would add about 50% to the mileage. But these are better roads and trucks can travel faster, yet more safely along them with very little, if any, loss of time.

A video, kindly prepared over the past week by Mr Colin Betts, to whom the Chairman expressed his thanks, was then shown. This was approximately ten minutes duration and clearly showed the level of traffic, particularly freight traffic, through the village centre with its attendant safety and noise problems.

Parish Councillors and Local Government Electors were then asked, in turn, for comments. The following points emerged:

- the main road through the village is in poor repair
- trucks are particularly prone to speeding in early morning when they, wrongly, think there is nobody about
- the video, excellent as it was, could not show everything and did not show two big trucks meeting outside the Village Hall where it is practically impossible for them to pass without mounting the footway.
- speeding is particularly bad from the east with a clear run downhill
- objections to planning applications which generate more traffic are invariably overruled
- 'blind spots' in the village centre can have a benefit in slowing traffic
- if LGV's are removed, car speeds could increase
- a mini roundabout at the eastern end of the village is needed
- the so called rumble strips, which are not raised above the road level, have no deterrent effect
- the British Gypsum loads to Barrow should move by rail
- Local Authorities should be allowed to retain speeding fines to invest in CCTV etc.



Andy Reed, MP, then responded in detail. His advice is to take one thing at a time, identify the biggest problem and concentrate on that. Clearly, from what has been said, the biggest requirement is for a weight restriction on the B676. Leicestershire County have 129 road schemes on their list but can only complete 10/12 each year. Sadly, but not surprisingly, it is true that fatalities cause a scheme to receive priority, pushing other schemes further down the list. He is impressed by what he has seen and heard tonight and promises support at County level where he has a certain influence. He is willing to come back to Burton if it will help, as our campaign progresses.

After taking more general questions from Councillors and from the floor, Mr Reed left the meeting, first being thanked by the Chairman for his interest.

5 OTHER TRAFFIC MATTERS/HIGHWAYS

Flooding in Burton. Andrew Lorimer from LCC, Melton hopes to come out to talk to us in 2/4 weeks time. Mrs Saunders pointed out that part of this problem appeared to be that the flood barrier at the foot of the 'Saints' roads did not do its job and it was agreed to take this up with Severn Trent Water.

Road Closure, B676, Wymeswold Lane to Six Hills. Mr Lorimer advises that £25,000 has been allocated to this work which will be supplemented by £5/10,000 from other funds. The intention is to repair the crumbling edges, to HGV standard. He does not want to do more patching than is absolutely necessary in Burton village as he hopes do a full resurfacing in a year or two and fears that he will not get funds for that if much patching is done in the meantime.

Water leak at Melton Road/Hall Drive, Burton. This first became apparent a month ago and appears to be spring water forcing its way through the road surface presumably because of a blockage downstream. The water level in the chamber below the Lion's Mouth fountain is very high and these two things appear to be related. Mr Lorimer advises that they are waiting for the road closure, when conditions will be quiet, to investigate and do whatever is necessary.

30 MPH Speed Limit at western end of Burton. Mr Hemsley, of 52 Springfield Close asks that the sign be moved further west to reduce noise from vehicles travelling westwards and also to slow down eastbound traffic earlier. It was agreed to take this up with the County Council.

6 PFA/PAVILION

Mrs Saunders reported that the damage to play equipment advised at the last meeting has now been repaired. It appears that older children were responsible. There will be no insurance claim. Mrs Edmonds observed that the goalposts are much appreciated. The Sports Development Strategy document from CBC will be considered at the next PFA meeting.

7 VILLAGE HALL

Efforts to find a craftsman to create a Second World War Memorial have not yet succeeded but are continuing. Mrs Pickford advised that the redecoration programme is now well advanced. Mrs Edmonds advised that no applications have been made for grants towards these costs as the reserves, £71k, preclude any chance of success. It was noted that no Accounts have been received from the Village Hall Committee for either 1996 or 1997 and Mrs Edmonds undertook to obtain these. The Insurance Company have declined a retrospective grant towards the safety inspection.

8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none. An item in the 'Loughborough Echo' expressed the concern of the CPRE regarding developers objections to non-allocation of land in the Local Plan, thereby bypassing the normal procedure by which the public can express their views about development projects. Since this was exactly our experience with the two Sowters Lane developments, it was agreed to write to the CPRE expressing our concern and support.

9 MILLENNIUM COMMEMORATION

Minutes of the Sub Committee meeting on 27th August had been circulated. It was confirmed that the overall cost is estimated at £25,000 which will include a substantial amount of 'payment in kind', i.e. voluntary labour. The application for £15,000 grant from the Millennium Festival Fund is now being finalised and will be run past both Charnwood Arts Council and East Midlands Arts before finalisation. Mr Barrie Atkinson has proposed a Burton Millennium Book as a record of social nature and structure of the village. All households would be invited to contribute entries describing their lifestyle. Some interest was expressed in this proposition but in view of the amount of time devoted to Item 4 it was felt best to leave full debate until the next meeting, with Mr Atkinson perhaps being invited to address the Council after that.

10 POULTRY FARM

Beverly Green advises that the Borough Council have received a draft report from ADAS on the new proposals and are presently considering it. It seems that it may be inconclusive. Meanwhile complaints are continuing. She hopes to come out this week. They have received a video from a resident showing the dust problem and dust plates have now been installed on all sides to measure this. Invited to comment, an Elector confirmed the worsening problem and said that Matthew Holford, a colleague of Miss Green, had been out today.

11 ENVIRONMENT

Lion's Mouth Fountain. There has been no progress and Mr Byass is now on holiday. The Clerk will follow up with Mr Edmondson direct.

St Philips Road Open Space. Councillor Shields had sent a letter to the Director of Housing & Public Services supporting the adoption of this area by the Borough. Minutes of the Public Services Committee dated 19th August indicated that a resolution to take possession of the land had been carried and formal notification to us is awaited.

Travellers. The travellers have now gone from the Allotment car park in Burton, leaving behind a small and fairly tidy pile of wood etc. The Clerk was advised to ask 'Wasteline' to remove it. The encampment at Cotes remains. It was noted that there is a metal sign in the allotment car park reading "Leave no Litter. Penalty £100." It is not known who erected this.

Noise from Airfield Activities. A letter from CBC Environmental Health advises that our concerns over noise and excessive numbers of vehicles will be brought to the attention of the operator and that remaining issues will be dealt with by the Planning Enforcement Officer. Mr Moyle reported that HGV's have again been operating on Sundays.

Garden Refuse dumping, Sowters Lane, Burton. The Cleansing Manager, John Clunn advises that he has no powers since Sowters Lane is unadopted. They can collect garden refuse but make a charge. It was agreed to print an appeal in the 'Link' for this practice to stop.

Brook Street Footpath. There is no further clarification of ownership, beyond the 1977 reference to it being added to the Definitive Map, which followed in 1980. Mr Oakland confirmed that Severn Trent Water dredge the brook twice a year and that grass on the footpath side is cut twice each year.

Footway alongside Prestwold Estate, Loughborough Road, Burton. A complaint has been received from Mrs Burley of Springfield Close about the dirty condition of this footway and also overhanging branches. It was agreed to write to the Borough Cleansing Department and to the Estate Office.

Overhanging bushes, Melton Road, Burton. Mrs Saunders advised that there were problems alongside the allotments and alongside the wall backing on to Hall Drive.

Village Hall Surrounds. Mrs Edmonds referred to the item in the previous Minutes and had thought that the Clerk was going to attend to trimming the tree. There had been a misunderstanding and it was not clear what had been arranged but she would now make the necessary arrangements.

12 FINANCIAL

Approved expenditure of £1366.41 occurred in August, reducing the general funds to £5259.87.

A letter has now been received from the auditors declining to supply timesheets to substantiate the disputed bill and the County Association have been advised accordingly.

Mr Topham produced an estimate supplied to the School by LCC Education Department for £500 excluding VAT to install the new pathway. It was proposed Mrs Spicer, seconded Mr Moyle and carried unanimously that this be authorised. The Clerk will advise the headmaster accordingly, at the same time asking that parents be reminded to collect children by car from the footpath exit in Towles Field.

13 CHEQUES *A cheque drawn on 12th August to Lapps & UK Ltd for a stage section, £57.57 was authorised.*

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

P & J Services	Maint. Aug.	£165.80
K W Davies	Salary/exp. Aug.	229.67
Stadia Sports Intl.	Wetpour repairs	164.50
T Bagley	Video hire	20.00

14 MISCELLANEOUS

Charnwood Forest Housing Association. Notice of the AGM was received. Mrs Edmonds advised that she is on the Board and will attend.

Victim Support. It was felt inappropriate to support this appeal for funds.

LCC Reorganisation of Registration Services. Response is requested by 6th November. The document will be circulated.

Electric Blankets. Mrs Saunders had attended a Charnwood Safety Meeting where the Borough Safety Officer had drawn attention to the potential hazards and need for checking. This will be noted in the 'Link'.

Village Cleaner. The Chairman drew attention to a television feature where a village appointed its own cleaner who achieved remarkable results, paid for at least in part by a refund from the Borough. It was agreed to look into such a possibility here. This had been one of the options in the Parish Charter and it was decided to circulate copies with the next Agenda, as the Charnwood Chief Executive will be in attendance.

15 PRESS RELEASE

This will feature Traffic through Burton, Noise from the Airfield, the water leak, Dumping of Garden Refuse and Electric Blankets.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 11th August 1998, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr D Minklev (Chairman)
Mr R Movle
Mr M Oakland
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs R Saunders
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Toopham

Mr K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
Four Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last Meeting, 9th June, were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Safekeeping of Deeds (Item 3). Moss Solicitors confirm that they have now located the missing Deeds.

County Council consultation on Libraries (Item 3). Our response has been acknowledged with thanks.

4 PFA/PAVILION

Mrs Saunders reported damage to the Play Unit Slide and to the safety surface surrounding the roundabout. The Police have been advised and the Insurance Company alerted although it may be that the damage was accidental, caused by older children using facilities not meant for them. The wet pour replacement will be around £200 (not insured) whilst the replacement of a single panel of the slide will probably be less than the Insurance Excess of £75. Enquiries will be made regarding extended cover.

Loughborough Rangers FC have folded and Quorn Rawlins FC will use the football pitch for the coming season. They run two sides and will play at home every Sunday. No decision has yet been reached regarding the proposed path across part of the field. Investigations into provision of a natural playground are proceeding. The Chairman and Secretary will attend a Seminar on European Standards on 16th September and it was agreed to pay fees of £5 each for this. The Clerk has passed over a Borough Council letter on Sports Development Strategy for consideration by the PFA.

5 VILLAGE HALL

The War Memorial was on view and comments were made regarding its good, clean condition. It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried unanimously that a similar memorial be commissioned for World War II, to be as alike as possible.

Mrs Pickford reported that work was well advanced on the doors, windows etc. No costs are available as yet. It appears that Management Committee meetings are infrequent and Mrs Pickford was asked to advise the Committee that they should ensure that all requirements for seeking grants are complied with, particularly as regards obtaining advance approval.

A meeting had been held with Mark Fennel of the Borough Council regarding a grant for wheelchair access. The latest renewal documents from Cornhill Insurance indicate that grants are available for safety inspections and the Clerk will follow up to see whether last year's inspection will qualify.

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following three applications had been received during the summer recess with deadlines before this Meeting and had been dealt with by the Chairman and Clerk after taking appropriate soundings. In each case no objection had been raised.

P/98/00545/2 - first floor pitched roof extension with roof light at 8 Somerset Close, Burton (Mr & Mrs Marrion).

P/98/00936/2 - first floor extension to side/rear of 9 St Philips Road, Burton (D Jenkins).

P/98/00819/2 - retention of conservatory at side of 31 Springfield Close, Burton (Mrs J L Jamieson).

The Meeting then considered the following additional Application and decided to raise no objection:

P/98/01271/2 - erection of Conservatory at 21 Loughborough Road, Burton (Mr & Mrs Tinkler).

It is understood that work has commenced on the **Post Office /Shop at Seymour Road, Burton** with a view to opening in October and this information was warmly welcomed by the Council.

7 LOCAL PLAN

A letter dated 8th July from Mr Sheard of the County Council was read, confirming his view that the triangle of land used for parking near the entrance to the pig farm forms part of the adopted public highway. This land forms part of the developer's project for the land behind Brook Street/Melton Road. It was agreed that no further action could be taken at this stage pending the Inspector's findings but that this matter should be raised should the Planning Application be revived.

8 MILLENNIUM COMMEMORATION

Minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting with Mr Kevin Ryan of Charnwood Arts on 3rd July had been circulated with Agenda. The Chairman queried the overall estimated cost of £25,000; he believed that Mr Ryan had indicated £15,000. The initial application to the Millennium Festival Fund has been accepted and we are now required to submit fuller details. Some Members expressed reservations about the mounting cost of this project. It was agreed that the sub-Committee should meet again with Mr Ryan as soon as possible to report back to the full Council with more detailed costings.

9 POULTRY FARM

Beverly Green, the Environmental Health Officer had been in touch with the Clerk last week, having had more complaints from Burton residents. She intended to come to see/smell for herself but residents had advised her that the current cycle had ended and the stock had been removed. Electors present confirmed that the old problems had returned at that time and were particularly bad.

Miss Green had advised that a response from the solicitors acting for the owners/operators had been referred to ADAS for an expert opinion on the practicality of the alternative measures proposed.

10 ENVIRONMENT

Lion's Mouth Fountain. Moss Solicitors advised earlier today that they have received no reply from the Edmondsons. Moss were asked to follow this up vigorously. Ray Hardy has rodded out the spout and cleared the roots from the chamber above, with a much improved water flow in consequence.

St Philips Road Footpath. A letter from the Chief Executive of the Borough Council was read concluding that he has asked for this to go before the Public Services Committee on 19th August. The Parish Council welcomed this long awaited development.

Bridleways. There has been no response whatever by the County Director of Planning to our complaint. Meanwhile advice has been received that the Orders were confirmed unopposed on 27th July. Copies of the Notices of Confirmation have been posted on the Burton and Prestwold Notice Boards.

Andrew Granger & Co. have returned the cheque dated 12th August 1996 which was a contribution towards costs of these diversions. This is time-expired and it was agreed to renew it, as requested.

Prestwold Estate Boundary Wall. Councillor Shields has heard nothing further since this was referred to the Borough Council.

Travellers. The encampment at Cotes completely fills the old road, whilst there is still a small presence on the allotment car park at Burton. It is understood that an unroadworthy, untaxed lorry moves between the two sites each evening and it was agreed to report this to the Police.

Noise from Airfield activities. Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe telephoned the Clerk about the item in the 'Link' after the last Meeting. He felt that this was unfair and that there was only one Sunday event, a fund raiser for the Marie Curie Cancer charity which had had prior approval from the Borough Council. He agreed that there was increased noise which he described as a constant whine from the gear boxes of the go carts. They will place straw bales around the track to deaden this, after harvesting, about mid-August.

Nevertheless there had been a further incident on 4th August when Mrs Pickford reported excessive noise from a series of helicopter flights which were taking place from the corner of the airfield closest to Burton. The Clerk visited the site and saw this and other infringements of the Planning Approval which were notified in writing to the Environmental Health Department. Miss Green there had also received complaints directly and a formal response is awaited.

Garden Refuse, Sowters Lane, Burton. The Chairman reported that Peter Towle, who farms land facing Sowters Lane had complained of residents tipping garden refuse into the hedgerow and blocking it. After discussion it was decided to ask Mr Clunn of the Borough Cleansing Department to intervene.

Village Hall Surrounds. Mr Topham advised that the area around the Village Hall is very untidy and that the tree adjacent to Seymour Road is obstructing passage. It was felt that this is a responsibility of the Village Hall Management Committee and Mrs Pickford will report it to them.

Brook Street footpath. Referring to Item 7 (above), Mr Oakland sought clarification of responsibility for keeping this footpath clear. The Clerk will refer back to the 1977 Minutes, the period referred to be the County Council.

11 **TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

Flooding In Burton. As there has still been no response, the Clerk wrote to Mr Bailey again on 2nd August.

Grid, Loughborough Road, near Springfield Close. This has now been attended to.

Motor Cycle Speeding through Burton. A further reply has been received, this time from a Senior Traffic Management Officer at the Chief Constable's Office agreeing that our concerns are fully justified and promising to continue to pay attention, commensurate with other duties.

Village Sign, Barrow Road, Burton. The County Council have offered to replace the broken sign, if the Parish Council so wish, with a sign bearing a road safety message at a cost of £110.15. It was agreed that they be asked to replace this with a simple village sign, at no cost to us.

Bus Shelter, Cotes. Mrs Spicer reported back and, after discussion, the Clerk was instructed to arrange for repairs to be carried out.

Traffic through Burton. Andy Reed, MP, has confirmed that he will attend our next meeting. The Chairman led a debate on the issues to be discussed. His view is that we should campaign for traffic to be diverted via the A6 to the Leicester Western Bypass. He believes that 50% of heavy goods traffic using the B676 is in transit from the M1 to the A46 and that little visits the Wymeswold Industrial Estate.

There needs to be a good presentation to the MP, with video evidence if possible. Mr Topham volunteered to conduct a traffic census, with support from others. He feels that a weight restriction is required.

It was agreed to invite Mr Reed to meet with the Chairman half an hour before the next meeting to take a look at the problems first hand.

Road Closure, B676, Wymeswold Lane to Six Hills. Advance Notice has been received of closure of this section of road from 28th September for two weeks for carriageway strengthening. The Clerk will ask the Divisional Engineer just what this means.

Student Horse Riders, Barrow Road, Sunday 30th August. Maxine Harris has advised the Clerk that about ten student riders will be using the road up to Towles Field between 11 a.m. and noon.

12 FINANCIAL

Current funds have decreased by £2929.30 since the last meeting although there have been unbudgeted receipts comprising two electricity refunds totalling £131.76 and burial fees £50. The Current Account/Business Reserve stands at £6626.28 and the Capital Reserve at £21,975.24.

The 1996/97 audit fee dispute remains unresolved. At the suggestion of the NALC we asked for detailed Time Sheets. PricewaterhouseCoopers, as the auditors are now called, have intimated verbally that they will not supply these and written confirmation is awaited.

The 1997/98 audit has now been conducted and the auditors have requested a Cumulative Fund Balance and accrual of the 1997/98 audit fee. This latter has the effect of reducing the nett income for the year from £1155 to £886. Amended Accounts had been prepared and these were signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

The Clerk distributed a Capital Expenditure Forecast totalling £13,700 although this was necessarily very approximate.

Mr Topham advised that the School are awaiting a quote from the County Authority for the proposed path to Barrow Road.

The Chairman advised that the NALC recommend an increase of 3% in Clerk's salaries, effective from 1st April 1998 and it was proposed by him, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried unanimously that this be applied retrospectively from the due date.

13 CHEQUES

The following cheques were paid during the summer recess and approval was duly given:

Fosse Contracts	T/Court cleaning	£969.38
P & J Services	Maint. June	210.58
Borough Charnwood	lighting	20.44
Wolds Property	showers	1949.47
Millington & Sons	shower tiles	411.64

The following cheques were authorised and signed at this Meeting:

P & J Services	Maint. July	271.10
K W Davies	Salary/exp, Jun/Jly	455.11
Cornhill Ins.	Village Hall	354.13
Andrew Granger & Co	Footpath costs	150.00
L & R PFA	Seminar	10.00



14 MISCELLANEOUS

LCC Small Schools Policy Consultation. It was agreed that Mr Topham would arrange for this document to be completed with the Headmaster of the Primary School, for return by end August.

Groby Parish Council. A letter from their Chairman invites us to join a campaign protesting at the failure of Community Policing. It was agreed to decline sympathetically, since we have not experienced their problems.

Parish Web Site. The Borough Council have invited us to take a page on their website, comprising a short description, services provided and a photograph. This had been completed during the recess though two amendments were required to the text. Mrs Edmonds had arranged for a photographer to take a number of shots and a view of Melton Road had been chosen.

Borough of Charnwood Purchase Prize. We are asked if we wish to take works of art on loan but it was felt that no suitable venue was available.

Charnwood Housing Strategy Consultation) The Parish Council had **County Waste Local Plan Deposit Draft**) been asked for comment on each of these during the recess but since there was no local impact, it had been decided not to respond.

15 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover Noise from the Airfield, the pending visit of the MP, War Memorial, Post Office, bridleways, road closure and Internet site.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 9th June 1998, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mr R Moyle
Mr M Oakland
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs R Saunders
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

Mr K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
Mr P Shaw () Archaeological
Mrs M Boswell (Wardens
Four Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence, all members being present.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting, 12th May, were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Safekeeping of Deeds (Item 3). There has been no further news from Moss Solicitors.

Charnwood Borough Council Annual Meeting with Parishes (Item 3). Mr Topham and the Clerk had attended this meeting on 1st June. Mr Topham gave a brief summary and felt that, despite quantities of hot air, on balance attendance was useful. Other Councils shared our experiences of audit fees and there was general agreement that the matter should be pursued at County and national level.

County Council consultation on Libraries (Item 15). Mr Topham had made enquiries amongst parishioners and it appeared that there was general satisfaction with the mobile service provided. It was agreed to respond accordingly.

Burial Ground Clean up (Item 8). Mrs Saunders confirmed that Members and their families had carried out this operation last month. The area is now substantially tidier although some graves are still overgrown. There was some disquiet about the quality of maintenance work carried out by P & J and it was noted that Graham Lambert of Cotes would like to quote for all the Council's maintenance work next year.

4 PFA/PAVILION

Further to the item in the last Minutes, Mrs Saunders handed over a letter concerning cleaning of the tennis courts and it was agreed that this expense would be paid by the Council with the nett amount being refunded by the PFA.

Mrs Saunders advised that graffiti which recently appeared on some apparatus had been cleaned off but additional sanding is required.

Loughborough Rangers FC have folded up and the PFA are buying their nets and some other equipment at a reasonable price. There have been approaches from other clubs, the front runner being Quorn Rawlins FC.

Ray Hardy has renovated one shower and is now starting the other.

The Summer Fete will be held on 21st June and Members are invited to attend.

5 VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Pickford advised that the War Memorial has been located and will be produced for the next meeting.

It was noted that the playgroup posters had been removed from the Committee Room and it is understood that a letter is being sent on the subject. There is no wish to discourage the playgroup who are the biggest financial contributors to the Hall and It was felt that the best solution is more movable boards on which posters can be displayed.

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no new applications but two which had deadlines before this meeting had been dealt with by the Chairman after appropriate consultation, no objections being raised:

P/98/00773/2 - proposed site for one dwelling at 10 Loughborough Road, Burton (Mr & Mrs G Steel)

P/98/00774/2 - Re-insertion of window at Burton Bandalls Farm, (Listed Building Consent) - Mr & Mrs G Eggleston

Councillor Shields advised that there was no further news regarding the **Post Office** application, fresh plans are awaited.. He understands that the **Burton Hall apartments** scheme has been amended and approved.

A copy letter dated 22nd May from the Head of Development Control at the Borough Council to Mr L W Pickavant of **Holly Lodge Farm** was read, regarding proposed erection of a hay store.

7 DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

The Chairman advised that he, Mrs Saunders, Mr Topham and the Clerk had attended the Inspector's hearing on 3rd June into the Brook Street development. The applicants had presented revised plans to the Inspector and now envisage 46 homes on the site. A major issue which will determine the housing density is the depth of tree screen around the development. The Inspector is to visit the site to look at this and other aspects.

A letter dated 6th June from Mr Colin Betts was read expressing his belief that the land in the triangle at the entrance to the pig farm, south of the brook, is owned by the Parish and not by the County Council. The Clerk will follow this through with the County Council.

The Chairman and Clerk had attended a further Inspector's hearing later on 6th June which concerned a proposed development on land to the North of Sowters Lane of up to five dwellings by Hallam Land Management. This did not appear in any of the Local Plan documents and thus the Parish Council has not been invited to express a view. The Borough Council officer (Mr Hankin) advises that , should this be proceeded with, the Council will be able to make its views known at the application stage.

There is a further, much larger, proposal before the Inspector for a development to the west of Sowters Lane, again previously unknown to us, but there will be no public hearing about this and it will be judged on written submissions since no request for personal representation has been made. This is a revival of the Holmes, Antill project from 1994.

Concern was expressed by those who had attended the hearings that those representing developers appeared far more professional and better briefed than those representing the Borough Council.

8 MILLENNIUM COMMEMORATION

A letter from Mr V J Harlow was read, advising that his mother who is over 100 years old wishes the Wood to remain as it is whilst she is alive.

Mrs Saunders now believes that Charnwood Arts will be of more help to us than Dave Low and it was agreed that she would set up a meeting between their representative and members of our sub-committee.

A letter has been received from the Borough Council advising that additional national Millennium Festival funding may be available.

9 POULTRY FARM

A letter from Miss Green was read, reiterating the verbal advice to the last Meeting. On being invited to comment, electors present advised that there had been further emission problems last weekend.

10 ENVIRONMENT

Lion's Mouth Fountain. Although there has been no further advice from Moss Solicitors, Mr Edmondson has advised the Clerk informally that he has received the draft Agreement and is considering it. It was agreed to ask Ray Hardy to rod out the spout and clear the roots impeding the flow of water, Mr Edmondson having given his verbal assent to this.

St Philips Road Footpath. The Clerk has written to Mr Peatfield, asking him to intervene to finalise this long outstanding matter.

Bridleways. There has been no response as yet to our letter dated 27th May to the Director of Planning at the County Council. Mrs Saunders has heard that the current changes have now been confirmed.

A circular letter from the Leicestershire Footpath Association asks for annual inspection of paths, not necessarily by a Councillor.

Prestwold Estate Boundary Wall. Councillor Shields advised that there has been no response from the Estate Management Committee and he has therefore referred the matter to the Borough Council to take action.

Travellers. A small camp was set up towards the end of May on the car parking area adjacent to the allotments, opposite Wymeswold Lane, consisting of buses, a truck and a small caravan. These people are known to the police who are prosecuting them and already the numbers have reduced.

Mrs Spicer commented that the encampment at Cotes appears to be growing.

Noise from Airfield Activities. There have been complaints about further noise from the motorised activities, particularly last Sunday. Sundays are expressly excluded under the latest planning approval. It was agreed to refer to this matter in the 'Link' and advise villagers how to protest.

11 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Flooding. There has still been no response from the County Council to our request for a meeting.

Grid, Loughborough Road, near Springfield Close. The promised repairs have still not been carried out.

Traffic Sign, Cotes. A letter dated 18th May from the Divisional Engineer advises that the direction sign will not be replaced as it is felt that this is not required in advance of a junction on a minor road.

Motor Cycle Speeding through Burton. Since the last meeting there has been a recurrence of the speeding problem on Tuesday evenings when motorcyclists congregate at the Wild Ox/Route 46, Six Hills. The Clerk had written to Inspector Boulton at the Quorn Policing Unit who has written to advise that he is arranging additional motor cycle patrols and has been in contact with the Manager of Route 46, Mr Eaton.

Burton on the Wolds village sign, Barrow Road. It has been noted that this sign is broken in two and this will be reported to the County Council.

Bus Shelter, Cotes. This wooden shelter is in poor repair with several boards broken or missing. Mrs Spicer advises that local feeling is that the bus stop would be better resited to Back Lane and the bus drivers would prefer this. Further enquiries will be made.

Parking, Seymour Road, Burton. Mr Oakland drew attention to the difficulties created by increased parking at the top end of this road although it was not clear how this could be eased.

Traffic through Burton. The Chairman initiated a debate on the problems caused by increased traffic, particularly Heavy Goods Vehicles, through Burton, in which those Electors present were invited to join. There is no doubt that the situation is worsening. Mr Topham felt that, although traffic fell when the Western By-pass first opened, it has now picked up again and exceeds previous levels. Councillor Shields advised that Wymeswold Parish Council have similar concerns. Mrs Edmonds pointed out that the local MP, Andy Reed, is professing an interest in local traffic matters and it was agreed to invite him to one of our meetings during the parliamentary recess.

12 FINANCIAL

Payments in May totalled £1524.52 and with no receipts the Current Account/Business Reserve stands at £9,555.58

There has been no further response from the L & RAPLC regarding the audit charge for 1996/7 and the invoice remains unpaid.

The Clerk presented the Income & Expenditure Account (showing nett income of £1,155), Balance Sheet, Notes and Supporting Statement which are to be submitted to the auditors, Coopers & Lybrand, on 17th July. These were duly approved and signed by the Chairman and by the Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer.

It was noted that allotment income had fallen from £280 to £210 this year, with several plots not taken up and one split in half. It was agreed to suggest to the Allotment Society that they advertise in the 'Link' for next year, perhaps making known that half plots are available.

The Clerk presented a short paper regarding the Capital Reserve, pointing out that, whilst Capital receipts may only be spent on Capital projects, the Interest earned on such funds may be used for all general purposes within the Council's powers. The amount of such interest earned since 1990 is £13,231.23. This amount is part of the Council's Capital Reserve, which stood at £21,690.09 on 1st May. The Clerk was asked to prepare for the next meeting an estimate of non-recurring expenditure planned up to and including the millennium project, together with estimated grant income.

Mr Topham advised that the Primary School wish to provide a 10 metre footpath from the school to a point lower down Barrow Road than the present entrance, as a safety measure. They seek assistance in funding this. As yet the cost is unknown but Mr Topham was advised that, in principle, the Council is prepared to assist but would like to see financial estimates.

13 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

Cornhill Insurance	revised balance	£ 3.93
K W Davies	salary/exp. May	196.65
P & J Services	Maint., May	295.30

14 MISCELLANEOUS

LCC Rural Strategy Annual Conference, 22nd June. Details were noted.

North Leicestershire Neighbourhood Watch. Details of an inaugural meeting were passed over to Mrs Saunders.

Weighty documents on **CBC Sports Development Strategy, CBC Environmental Charter** and **Local Agenda 21 - Forum for a Better Leicestershire** will be circulated to members.



15 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover Local Plan issues, noise from the Airfield, speeding and the annual audit details.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A. Lee' or similar, located in the bottom left corner of the page.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 12th May 1998, commencing at 7.45 p.m.

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mr R Moyle
Mr M Oakland
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs R Saunders
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

Mr K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
Three Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence, all Members being present.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last Meeting, 14th April, were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Safekeeping of Deeds (Item 3). Moss Solicitors now advise that their Schedule indicates that they have the Deeds for the Village Hall, Towles Field and land at Melton Road. Unfortunately they have been misfiled but they will be going through all their files shortly and expect to locate our Deeds then.

Borough Council annual meeting with Parishes (Item 15). There were no items for this Agenda. Mr Topham and the Clerk will attend on 1st June.

4 PFA/PAVILION

Mrs Saunders advised that the electrical work has been done in the shower area at a cost of £69.33. The main renovation work is still to be carried out by Ray Hardy. A picnic table and an additional timber seat have been installed, to be paid for from PFA funds. Arrangements are in hand to eliminate moss from the Tennis Courts at a cost of £825 plus VAT.

5 VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Pickford advised that the Management Committee meeting next week would consider redecoration of the Hall. Concern was expressed by Members at the 'decoration' by the Playgroup which was again spilling into the Committee Room as well as covering the main hall. The War Memorial has not yet been located.

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no new applications to consider.

Mr Shields advised that revised plans were to be submitted for the **Post Office** proposal. A meeting with Council Officers has been held on site. It is expected that permission will be granted, with suitable access from Brook Street. The **Burton Hall** paddock development has been approved but not the change of use for the Hall where a revised parking plan is to be submitted.

7 DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

The Chairman, Mrs Saunders and Mr Topham are all interested in attending the Inquiry into the Brook Street proposal scheduled for 3rd June and the Clerk will check whether this date still holds and advise each of them nearer the time. Mr Shields has heard that the Sowters Lane proposal scheduled for the same date will probably not now go forward.

He also mentioned that, with the Draft Local Plan process still far from complete, he is already involved in a meeting called to initiate the County Plan 2006 - 2016!

8 BURIAL GROUND

The Chairman advised that fees have recently been increased. The Vicar would like to see the fees displayed on the Notice Board to avoid misunderstandings and this will be arranged. The entry area gets wet and muddy in winter and consideration should be given to laying down a hard surface.

Mrs Saunders asked for volunteers to clear up the Burial Ground next Saturday at 1030 a.m.

9 MILLENNIUM COMMEMORATION

There has been no response as yet from the Harlow family regarding the nature reserve proposal. Mrs Saunders has not yet heard from Dave Low. David Bird of the Borough Council has now advised that the Director of Housing has no objection in principle to the suggestion that they retain

ownership of the land adjacent to the Village Hall whilst allowing us to use it. They await our proposal, in due course. It was noted that the gravel container will have to be relocated.

10 POULTRY FARM

The latest advice is that the meeting between the Borough Council and the Owners took place on 20th April. Whilst most of the relatively minor matters in the Abatement Notice have been attended to, some alternative solutions were proposed to the closure of the older houses, incorporating recent innovations from Holland. The Borough Council have asked for technical details, with a month to respond. They will be advising all interested parties, including residents and ourselves of the current position in writing shortly.

Councillor Shields confirmed this information in more detail and passed over to the Clerk correspondence between Barker Gotelee, Solicitors for Sturdee Poultry Farms Ltd and Robin Fisk. Mr Fisk is strongly resisting attempts by the Solicitors to intimidate the Council.

11 ENVIRONMENT

Lion's Mouth Fountain. Moss Solicitors advise that they expect to draft the lease very shortly. Their fees are expected to be about £150 and there will be Land Registry and other fees of about £45. The Edmondsons may get a solicitor involved which could double Moss' fee and their Building Society might charge up to £100.

St Philips Road Footpath. No further news.

Bridleway H91. The Clerk has provided the Chairman and Mrs Saunders with copies of the County Council Code of Practice. Mrs Saunders saw Andy Reed MP who feels that there is a good case to put before the Ombudsman for malpractice by the County Council. After discussion, it was agreed to write to the Director of Planning, with a copy to Mrs Goodman, detailing our objections to the way that this was handled.

A letter from the Leicestershire & Rutland Bridleways Association, passed on by the County Council, was read, putting on record their views regarding long term objectives for bridleways in the area.

Sunnyside Pig Farm. Verbal advice has been received from the Borough Council that Mr Hubbard was fined £200 earlier in the month for two offences in respect of emissions last year, having pleaded guilty.

12 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Water Seepage, Melton Road/St Philips Road, Burton. Extensive work carried out over three days by the County Council would appear to

have solved this problem.

Flooding. The County Council have not yet responded to our request for a meeting.

Reflectors, Melton Road. The Divisional Engineer advises that the reflector posts will be replaced but that if they are moved too far back from the road they tend to be obscured by vegetation.

Grid on Loughborough Road near Springfield Close. An LCC Inspector has visited the site and promised that repairs will be carried within a fortnight.

Traffic Sign, Cotes. So far only an acknowledgment has been received from the County Council.

Stanford Lane, Cotes, HGV signs. Mrs Spicer advises that these have now been erected. Whilst perhaps disappointingly small, at least they are not visually obtrusive!

Back Lane, Cotes. The Divisional Engineer has written to advise that surface dressing is to be carried out. It transpires that this has already been done.

Direction sign for Burton from Barrow. Mrs Pickford advises that this sign directing traffic into the right turn at the bottom of Barrow Road has become obscured. This will be reported.

Prestwold Estate Boundary Wall. Mr Shields advised that there is to be an Estate meeting next Friday at which he has asked that action be taken in respect of the Estate boundary wall which has fallen or been damaged in several places on Loughborough Road. Previously they have pleaded lack of funds but Councillor Shields intends to press the Borough Council to take enforcement action if the Management Committee do not take appropriate action voluntarily.

13 FINANCIAL

The first tranche of the annual precept, £3500, has been received, together with £285.00 burial fees. The transfer from Capital to Business Reserve has now been corrected and, together with approved expenditure, the result is a nett increase in the Business Reserve/Current Account of £5628.40 taking it to £11,080.10.

The auditors have responded to our query on the doubling of the cost of audit by blaming the new Accounts and Audit Regulations. This is clearly unsatisfactory and the matter has been referred to our County Association who in turn have passed it on to the National Association. It was agreed to

withhold payment pending their response.

The audit timetable for 1997/8 has now been received and year end accounts will be presented at the June meeting.

14 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

Severn Trent Water	three invoices	£102.43
L & R APLC	subscription	127.50
L & R RCC	subscription	15.00
L & R PFA	subscription	15.00
K W Davies	salary/expenses	240.01
Quorn Elec.Services	pavilion	69.33
P & J Services	maintenance, Apr.	157.33
Cornhill Insurance	two invoices	742.42

15 MISCELLANEOUS

Liaison Meeting with CBC Chief Executive. This has now been fixed for October.

Local Elections 6th May 1999. A letter from the Returning Officer advises that in 1995 £366.24 was charged to this Council and suggests that 25% be added for inflation in our budget if a contest is anticipated next year.

LCC Consultation on Libraries. A detailed document invites our response by 19th June and advises a related meeting at Loughborough Library on 28th May. Mr Topham undertook to make enquiries regarding attitudes towards the mobile library service in Burton for report back at the next meeting.

County Service, Sunday 7th June. This was noted.

Village Design Statements. The Rural Community Council advise a training day on 18th June, which was noted. Mr Shields advised that Wymeswold were pursuing this concept and had appointed an architect.

16 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover the Parish Annual meetings, the Council AGM and election of officers, the Poultry Farm and the Draft Local Plan Inquiry date for the Brook Street proposal. It was agreed that the Press Release should always include the date of next meeting.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9 p.m.

**MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds,
Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall,
Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 12th May 1998 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)
Mr R Moyle (Vice Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mr M Oakland
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs R Saunders
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

Mr K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
Two Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence, all Members being present.

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting, 13th May 1997, were read, agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous Minutes.

4 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mr Moyle and carried unanimously that Mr Minkley continue as Chairman.

5 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed Mrs Spicer, seconded Mr Topham and carried unanimously that Mr Moyle continue as Vice Chairman.

6 ELECTION OF DELEGATES

- 6.1 Burton on the Wolds Playing Field Association Management Committee. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded Mrs Pickford and carried unanimously that Mrs Saunders continue to represent the Parish Council.

6.2 Burton on the Wolds Village Hall Management Committee. It was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded by the Chairman and carried unanimously that Mrs Pickford should continue to represent the Parish Council.

6.3 L & R A P L C. It was proposed Mr Moyle, seconded Mr Oakland and carried unanimously that Mrs Spicer and Mr Topham should continue as Parish Council representatives.

7 **INVENTORY OF PARISH PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT.**

The Clerk had prepared a current Inventory and a copy is attached to these Minutes. It was agreed that there are currently six timber seats and a seventh, which has just been installed at the Playing Field, together with a Picnic Table will be added to the Inventory and the Insurers advised accordingly. Mrs Saunders will supply values.

8 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

The Meeting closed at 7.39 p.m.

BURTON ON THE WOLDS, COTES & PRESTWOLD PARISH COUNCIL

I N V E N T O R Y

Description	Sum Insured 1997/1998	Proposed 1998/1999
Gang mower	£ 2800	£ 2800
Timber bus shelter	1404	1446
Timber Notice Boards (3)	585	603
Notice Board, Burial Ground	-	366
Timber seats (6)	937	965
Taps (2)	-	335
Handbells (19)	2154	2154
Reconditioned sports motor roller	1051	1051
Garage	1872	1928
Office Desk	81	81
Filing Cabinet	60	60
Amstrad Computer and printers	525	525
Photocopier	-	392
Pavilion	29244	30121
Lamp Posts	1237	1274
<u>Playing Field Association</u>		
Play Unit & Slide	4120	4244
Other Playground Equipment	6489	6684
Cricket Sight Screen	474	474
Perimeter Fencing of Tennis Courts	<u>3378</u>	<u>3378</u>
<u>KWD 11/5/98</u>	56411	58881

**MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Ward of Burton
on the Wolds held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 12th May
1998 at 7.20 p.m.**

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)
Mr R Moyle
Mr M Oakland
Mrs R Saunders
Mr R Shields
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

Mr K W Davies (Parish Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs D Edmonds and Mrs M Pickford

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting, 13th May 1997, were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising other than those covered in the Chairman's Report.

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman presented his Report, copy of which is attached to these Minutes.

There being no other business, the Meeting was closed at 7.28 p.m.

PARISH OF BURTON ON THE WOLDS

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 1997/98

Composition of the Council

Mr Graham Brewin resigned in May and we were pleased to co-opt Mrs Diana Edmonds in August.

Charnwood Draft Local Plan

The Parish Council is playing its full part in the consultation process and, in particular, has made a submission to the Inspector in respect of the proposal for a housing development at Brook Street, Burton.

Planning Matters

The Parish Council is consulted by Charnwood Borough Council on all Planning Applications received for our parishes. Response is invariably made taking into account the best interests of our communities as a whole.

It is particularly pleasing that the rash of Applications for development on Wymeswold airfield has now died down and the unauthorised users turned off.

Traffic/Highways

There has been close liaison throughout the year with both the Leicestershire County Council and Charnwood Borough Council to ensure that the roads and footways in our parishes are maintained and cleaned to an acceptable standard.

There has also been liaison with the Police who arranged a series of radar checks on speeding traffic, particularly motorcyclists, through Burton, after the Council drew their attention to the problem.

The County Highways Authority turned down our request for a weight restriction on Stanford Lane, Cotes, but have agreed to erect 'unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles' signs.

Playing Field

The Parish Council continued to give financial assistance to the Playing Field Association and is currently involved with refurbishment of the shower area in the Pavilion. We congratulate the PFA on their continued success in maintaining and improving this well used facility and in their success with the Midsummer Fete which attracted large crowds last summer despite inclement weather.

Village Hall

The Council has continued its policy of offering financial assistance to the Village Hall Management Committee and congratulates them too on their upkeep of the Hall and on the varied programme of activities on offer.

The Common

Once again bands of travellers camped on the Common during the summer months although the visits were less prolonged and less destructive than in recent years. The Council maintained a dialogue with all relevant bodies and in particular a meeting with Mr Simon Milledge, the Agent of the Duke of Somerset proved useful.

As my predecessor noted last year, the best defence against these incursions is for the frontagers to prevent vehicular access and it is pleasing to note that a great deal more work of this kind has taken place in the last year.

Village Amenities

The Council has been concerned at the loss of the last of the village general stores and Post Office. Efforts have been made to re-establish Post Office facilities and support has been given to the current efforts to open a new village store and Post Office in Seymour Road.

Poultry Farm, Sowters Lane, Burton

Very slowly, progress is being made in our efforts to reduce if not eliminate the nuisance to residents caused by this operation. An Abatement Notice was served on both the Owner and Operator by the Borough Council in December last though this was immediately appealed against. It is hoped that the matter will be finally resolved within the next few months.

Environment

The Borough Council is negotiating for a long lease on the Lion's Mouth Fountain, Burton, a Listed Grade II structure. The fountain is in poor condition and it is intended to restore this local landmark to its former glory, with grant assistance.

The public seat in Burton village centre, which was dilapidated, has been replaced.

I was very pleased that volunteers came forward for the positions of Tree Warden (Mr Paul Sutton) and Archaeological Warden (Mr Peter Shaw and Mrs Marie Boswell) and wish them well in these important roles.

Precept

It was pleasing that, as a result of tight financial control, we were able to reduce the precept for the third consecutive year. The precept, raised from Council Tax payers, has been reduced from £9275 in 1995/96 to £7000 in the current year.

Millennium

We intend to commemorate the Millennium in some suitable way, with the help of a grant available from Charnwood Borough. Already a sub committee is looking into various possibilities

Thanks

The Chairman wishes to express his thanks to fellow Councillors and to the Clerk for their support during the last year. He is grateful too to Borough Councillor Robert Shields and to County Councillor Diane Goodman for their interest in and support of the Parish Council.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 14th April 1998, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)

Mrs D Edmonds

Mr M Oakland

Mrs M Pickford

Mrs R Saunders

Mrs L Spicer

Mr K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: **Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)**
One Local Government Elector

1 APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Mr R Moyle (Business) and Mr K Topham (Holiday).

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting, 10th March, were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Notice Board (Item 3). Our application for grant aid has been lodged with the Borough Council. It will be considered by them on 9th June.

Safekeeping of Deeds (Item 3). Moss Solicitors advise that they are still searching for our Deeds. It was suggested that they may have been transferred to Hawley and Rodgers but it was agreed to wait another month to see if Moss can find them.

CBC Art Strategy/Arts Development Grants (Item 3). This correspondence is still in circulation. It was agreed that no action would be taken unless any Councillor wished to raise the issue having perused the correspondence.

4 PFA/PAVILION

Mrs Saunders advised that the refurbishment of the shower areas will take place at the end of the football season. The PFA need a competent electrician to substitute a pull cord switch for the existing switch.

5 VILLAGE HALL

The trees and shrubs within twelve feet of the Hall were cut back by Graham Lambert over the Easter weekend. This has left exposed a certain amount of rubble and the Management Committee will attend to this. Mrs Edmonds commented on the much improved appearance of the Hall following internal decorations.

6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Borough Council have confirmed that they will continue to send copies of their agendas on a permanent basis.

Burton Hall. Both recent applications have been recommended for approval by the Director. Whilst this is disappointing in so far as the new dwellings are concerned, there is no further action open to the Parish Council.

Shop/Post Office, 11 Seymour Road, Burton. The Director of Planning & Technical Services has recommended that the Borough Council refuse this Application on road safety grounds and the Planning Committee meets later this week. A letter has been sent to Councillor Shields asking him to remind the Committee of the positive aspects of the application and suggesting that efforts be made to overcome the road safety problems. Councillor Shields confirmed that he would follow this up.

Wymeswold Airfield Flying Activities. Councillor Shields has spoken to the Planning Department who advise that they have not attempted to resolve this very old Application due to lack of time, particularly because of pressures imposed by the Draft Local Plan process.

The same comments apply to the **Hangar 4 (part)** application.

P/98/00456 - 24 Springfield Close, Burton (Mr A Clark) - extensions for car port and first floor study, bedroom, dressing and shower room (revised scheme). There was no objection to this revised proposal.

7 DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

The Programme Officer advises that the Brook Street proposal will come before the Inspector on 3rd June, p.m. She advises that, at the request of Holmes, Antill, the issue of land to the west of Sowters Lane will be discussed that morning. This has not featured in any of the Draft Local Plan documents to date but the Inspector has agreed to hear what Holmes, Antill have to say.

This proposal came up two or three years ago. Mrs Saunders has a copy of that Application and will pass this over to the Clerk. Councillor Shields believes that Holmes, Antill may see this as an alternative to the Brook Street site.

Mrs Spicer asked if there was any indication that Bryant Homes would be seeking to reactivate the Cotes scheme. Councillor Shields felt that it was better not to pursue this. A letter from Angela Thorpe containing an update on the 'Blot on the Wolds' activities was handed to the Clerk and will be circulated.

8 PARISH CHARTER

It was agreed that these proposals from the Borough Council would be deferred until the Chief Executive's next visit.

9 MILLENNIUM

A Report of the sub-committee meeting on 25th March had been circulated with the Agenda. The Harlow family will be contacted regarding a possible nature reserve at Fishponds Plantation. It was felt that a commemorative sign adjacent to the Village Hall would need to be in stone rather than wood. Mrs Saunders will contact Dave Lowe, of Belton, who was responsible for the Swan and Cygnets in Queens Park, Loughborough. Charnwood Arts should be able to help.

Mrs Pickford felt that whatever was decided upon could be mounted on the Village Hall wall, rather than on the bank alongside. The Secretary of the Management Committee had pointed out the War Memorial still awaits a permanent home. It was felt that this needed to be displayed internally whereas the Millennium feature should be external. The Chairman pointed out that the Memorial referred to the First World War only. He has details of Second World War casualties and will look them up.

Mrs Spicer observed that Cotes people would not relate to a commemorative feature in Burton, even if it featured a Cotes aspect.

10 POULTRY FARM

We are now advised that a meeting has been set up between the Borough Council, Padleys and Mr Wheeler for 20th April.

11 ENVIRONMENT

Lion's Mouth Fountain. English Heritage have said that they will not get involved with anything below Class 1 Listed status. Ken Byass of Moss Solicitors has written with various comments, which were discussed but do not materially alter anything. We now await the draft lease.

St Philips Road Footpath. Peter Blitz responded to our demand for action, on 3rd April, and has now asked the Director of Corporate and Environmental Services to secure an interest in the land so that an approach can be made for funding to continue the maintenance of the land as an open space.

Travellers at Cotes. This occupation continues but no complaints have been received. In the circumstances, it was agreed that no action is called for.

Bridleway H91. A reply to our letter following the last meeting has been received from W D Carter, Senior Access Officer at County Hall. This confirms what we had heard and apologises that we were not kept fully informed of changes made. Mrs Saunders has been in touch with the Prestwold Estate who advise that they have decided to go along with this revision and ask us to do the same.

It was decided to complain formally about the way that this has been handled and to obtain a copy of the County Council Standards/Complaints procedure, but not to object to the revision.

Burial Ground. Mrs Saunders advised that she and Mr Topham had filled three bin liners with material from the Burial Ground. She has drafted a Notice asking people to take all such material away with them. The Clerk will prepare this and Mrs Saunders will then display it. She will organise a working party from the Council to clear the area once the weather improves and several Members indicated their willingness to participate.

12 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Flooding. The country in general, and the Midlands in particular, experienced severe flooding at Easter. There were problems at Brook Street and on Melton Road due to water cascading down Sowters Lane. We shall invite representatives of the County Council to meet us to see what can be done to prevent any recurrence.

Water Seepage, Melton Road/St Philips Road, Burton. The Divisional Engineer has advised that a preliminary investigation has failed to identify the source. They will now excavate the road to find the source.

Members recollected that there was a spring at this point before the 'Saints' estate was developed.

Reflectors, Melton Road, Burton. There has been no response from the County Council as yet.



Grid on Loughborough Road eastbound at Burton boundary. Mr George Harvey of Springfield Close, Burton has complained about noise from trucks bouncing over this grid, which has sunk. The County Council will be advised.

Traffic Sign, Cotes. Mrs Spicer advised that the directional sign outside 11 Stanford Lane had fallen. The County Council will be advised and at the same time asked when the 'unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicle' notices will be erected in Stanford Lane.

13 FINANCIAL

The balance in the Current Account/Business Reserve stands at £5451.70 whilst the Capital Reserve is now £23,923.99 following another quarterly interest receipt.

The year end transfer from the Capital Account to the Business Reserve was erroneously moved in the opposite direction. As a result this will now have to be reversed and it was agreed to transfer £2233.90 from Capital to Business Reserve to correct the error.

Dr Tony Evans has advised that the 'Link' is not short of funds and it was agreed that the contribution agreed at the last meeting would not now take place.

The auditors have now sent their bill for last year's audit, double the charge a year earlier at £225.00. This is based on 10 hours work, compared to 5 hours a year earlier. We have protested at this unjustifiable increase and advised the County Association.

14 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	£204.62
G & J Lambert	tree clearance	70.00

15 MISCELLANEOUS

Leicestershire & Rutland Rural Community Council. It was agreed to subscribe £15.00 for associate membership.

Leicestershire & Rutland Playing Fields Association. It was agreed to subscribe £15.00, the rate for a Parish Council with population over 1000.

Borough Council Annual Meeting with Parishes. This will be held on 1st June and will be placed on the agenda for our next meeting.

Best Kept Village Competition. It was decided not to enter.

Burial Ground Charges and Maintenance. The Chairman asked for this subject to be on the next Agenda.

16 PRESS RELEASE

This will refer to the Poultry Farm, Bridleway H91, Burial Ground litter and Village Hall tree clearance.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 10th March 1998, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds (from Item 6)
Mr R Moyle
Mrs R Saunders
Mr K Topham

Mr K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
Mrs D Goodman (County Councillor)
Four Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence from Mr M Oakland, Mrs M Pickford and Mrs L Spicer.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting, 10th February, were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Notice Board (Item 3). Wolds Property Improvements (Ray Hardy) have quoted £250.00 including provision of new concrete support posts but excluding painting. It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Moyle and carried unanimously that this be accepted. Application will now be made to the Borough Council for a 50% grant although we may not be eligible since this is a replacement board rather than a completely new one.

Safekeeping of Deeds (Item 14). Moss Solicitors have advised that they hold no deeds on behalf of the Council. This appears to be incorrect since we have a receipt from 1994 and they have been asked to check further.

Art Strategy/Arts Development Grants (Item 14). These documents are still in circulation and the item was deferred until next meeting.

4 CHARNWOOD DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

There have been no developments.

5 **POULTRY FARM, SOWTERS LANE**

A letter dated 9th February from Mr Fisk confirms that an Appeal against the Abatement Notice was lodged on 5th January. The Notice is suspended until this is heard. A preliminary hearing was set for 11th February at Loughborough Magistrates Court but put back at the request of owner and company. Mr Fisk is trying to set up a further meeting to establish how quickly the improvements are likely to be implemented.

6 **ENVIRONMENT**

Lion's Mouth Fountain. Stephen and Irene Edmondson have written on 5th March agreeing a 99 year lease subject to various Conditions designed to ensure that all costs fall on the Parish Council and not on them, and that they will be consulted about any plans the Council wish to implement. They suggest that this lease be at a nominal £5 per annum payable in seven year tranches. After debate it was agreed to accept these terms in principle and to ask Ken Byass to draw up an Agreement. English Heritage are to be approached for advice regarding restoration.

St Philips Road footpath. Once again there is no news and it was agreed to make a formal protest at the length of time this is taking.

Travellers at Cotes. The County Council advise that they are aware of this encampment but, having had no complaints, have delayed instigating arrangements to encourage their departure. The Clerk will advise Mrs Spicer of this response.

Footpath to Walton through Pepper's fields. Mrs Saunders advises that Mr Pepper has still not exhibited the Notices provided. There seems little more that the Council can do in the circumstances.

Tree Warden Report. Having consulted Mrs Bagley of the County Council, Mr Sutton recommends that we subscribe to the International Tree Foundation. His recommendations regarding trees on the Playing Field have been passed on to the PFA.

Millennium. David Bird of the Borough Council advises that the District Valuer will charge £67 per hour + VAT and, being based in Leicester, will probably charge for a half day. We would have to pay 50% of this. Since this is regarded as Public Land, its potential sale to the Parish Council must be advertised twice in the Loughborough Echo at a cost of approx £150, all for our account. It was agreed that, to avoid these costs, the Borough Council be asked if they would allow us to proceed with our works whilst they retain ownership. A subcommittee meeting was arranged for 25th March at 2.30 p.m. at 42 Melton Road, Burton.



Footpaths/Bridleways. Mrs Saunders advised that it appears that the County Council have gone back on their intention to divert Bridleway H91 to a headland route. It was agreed to protest against this and Mrs Goodman asked to be copied in.

7 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Barrow Road/B675 junction. The offending sign has now been relocated.

Water Seepage, Melton Road/St Philips Road junction. There has been no response from the County Council.

'Campaigning for Traffic Calming'. It was agreed to purchase a copy of this publication for £3.00.

Reflectors, Melton Road. Mrs Saunders reported that many of the reflectors on the Melton side of the village had been flattened., They should be set further back when replaced. The County Council will be advised.

8 PFA/PAVILION

Mrs Saunders advised that quotations to refurbish the shower areas had been obtained from Wolds Property Improvements (Ray Hardy) at £2300 inclusive of VAT and from Barry Dalby at £2270, no VAT. It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Moyle and carried unanimously that Wolds Property quotation be accepted and the PFA so informed.

9 VILLAGE HALL

Graham Lambert has quoted £70.00 to clear back the trees and bushes a distance of 12 ft from the walls and it was agreed to accept this. The conifer at the eastern corner will remain.

The annual electrical survey has been carried out by Unwins at a cost of £85.00 + VAT and as a consequence replacement fluorescent tubes have been fitted at a cost of £18.75.

10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/98/00218 - 26 Springfield Close, Burton (Miss M Norman) - extensions for garage at side /rear and enlargement of bedroom at rear. There was no comment on this.

P/98/00239 - Back Drive, Prestwold Hall (trustees and Everyman Country Pursuits) - construction of car parking facility. There was no objection to this.

P/98/00085 - erection of 40 dwellings with associated roads and public open spaces at land off Brook Street/Melton Road, Burton (Alfred McAlpine Homes Midlands Ltd). A meeting had been requested and agreed with McAlpines to discuss possible amendments to this Application but they had called it off, having been advised by the Borough Council that, since they have had 8 objections so far and had previously had 18 objections in the context of the draft Local Plan, they intend to recommend refusal pending the outcome of the Draft Local Plan Inquiry.

It was agreed to write to McAlpine asking that the meeting be reconvened should they intend to resubmit the application in the future. Meantime we shall advise the County Council that the current plans include land owned by them at the pig farm entrance.

Our response to the Borough Council will be that the application should be deferred pending the Inquiry but at the same time we shall make clear our views on the development by enclosing a copy of our submission to the Inspector regarding the 40 dwelling revision, together with a number of fresh points regarding the detailed plans now submitted.

P/98/00241 - ground floor extension to side/rear to form shop/post office, 11 Seymour Road, Burton (Mr & Mrs A D Gardner). Mr & Mrs Gardner were amongst the Electors present and at the Chairman's invitation gave further details of their plans. The Council would welcome the return of a Post Office to Burton and will give full support to the Application.

11 PARISH CHARTER

This item was again deferred.

12 FINANCE

Payments of £596.80 during February reduced the Business Reserve/Current Account balance to £7012.42. It was agreed to transfer £1116.95 from the Capital Account to the Business Reserve before the year end, this being made up of £325.00 water supply, £391.95 photocopier and £400.00 Southampton seat.

It was noted that the sum of £50.00 budgeted as a donation to the 'Link' has not been paid this year or last. It was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mr Moyle and carried unanimously that £50.00 should be donated to the 'Link'.

It was agreed that the recent request from the Parochial Church Council for assistance with a water installation could not be regarded as a Millennium project but further details would be requested. We should also like to know whether Hoton Parish Council have been invited to contribute.

13 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

Intl. Tree Foundation	subscription	£ 20.00
C P R E	subscription	15.00
Butterworths	reference book	27.38
K W Davies	salary/expenses	216.11
Viking Direct	toner, etc.	189.05
John Unwin Ltd	V/H inspection	99.88
S C Abell	Lighting tubes	18.75

14 MISCELLANEOUS

LCC redundant Buildings Initiative. Application forms have now been received.

LAR Rural Community Council Village Appraisals. A letter dated 12th February was noted.

CBC Plans Sub-committee Agendas. We have completed a short form confirming that we find these agendas useful and wish to continue receiving them.

LARAPLC Anthony Stuart Memorial Fund Competition. A circular dated 20th February was noted.

Electoral Registers. The 1998 Registers have been received showing 794 electors in Burton (1997 = 795), 26 in Cotes (same), 59 in Prestwold (58) and total 879 (same).

15 PRESS RELEASE

This will include the Poultry Farm, bridleways, pavilion showers, road sign and Brook Street proposed development.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

The following information was obtained from the file:

Jan. 1968	Admission	150.00
Feb. 1968	Admission	15.00
Mar. 1968	Admission	25.00
Apr. 1968	Admission	25.00
May 1968	Admission	25.00
Jun. 1968	Admission	25.00
Jul. 1968	Admission	25.00
Aug. 1968	Admission	25.00
Sep. 1968	Admission	25.00
Oct. 1968	Admission	25.00
Nov. 1968	Admission	25.00
Dec. 1968	Admission	25.00

MISCELLANEOUS

1. CC. Edmund Building. Information. Application form has been received.

2. AS. Rural Community Council. Village Newsletter. A copy of the newsletter was received.

3. CC. Edmund Building. Information. Application form has been received. Information was received from the building that the building is not to be used for the building.

4. AS. Rural Community Council. Village Newsletter. A copy of the newsletter was received.

5. CC. Edmund Building. Information. Application form has been received. Information was received from the building that the building is not to be used for the building.

RELEASE

6. AS. Rural Community Council. Village Newsletter. A copy of the newsletter was received.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:00 p.m.

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council, held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 10th February 1998, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds
Mr R Moyle
Mr M Oakland
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs R Saunders
Mr K Topham

Mr K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
Mrs D Goodman (County Councillor)
ten Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

There was an apology for absence from Mrs L Spicer (prior engagement).

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting, 13th January, were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Notice Board (item 3). Leicestershire County Council DLO have reduced their quotation from £403.97 to £363.97, still an enormous increase from last time. Wolds Property Improvements (Ray Hardy) have been asked to quote.

4 DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

A letter from the Programme Officer advises that the Inquiry start date has been postponed from 24th February to 5th March though it is anticipated that the lost time will be made up during the course of the Inquiry.

5 POULTRY FARM, SOWTERS LANE

A letter from the Borough Council dated 21st January confirms that the expected Appeal against the Abatement Notice was indeed lodged with Loughborough Magistrates Court and the Notice is suspended until the Appeal is heard. The Appeal was due to be heard on 11th February but we

have now been advised by telephone that this has been postponed at the request of the owner/operator and no revised date has yet been set. Nevertheless the the owner and operator are said to be endeavouring to complete the Schedule of Works in the meantime and the Borough Council are setting up a meeting with them to discuss the issues.

6 ENVIRONMENT

Lion's Mouth Fountain. Mr Edmondson has verbally indicated his agreement to the proposal put before him following the last meeting and his written confirmation is awaited to enable an Agreement to be drawn up. Once this has been completed and signed, quotations can be obtained and grants applied for. (Mr Edmondson was amongst the Electors present at the Meeting.)

St Philips Road Footpath. Once again there is no news from the Borough Council.

Litter Bins. A bin has been installed at the top of the Huntingdon Close footpath as requested but this is a new bin and the bin towards the village centre end of Barrow Road has been left in place. It has been noted that the bin at the footpath end of Mundy Close is full and does not get emptied at the same time as others in Burton. This will be reported.

Millennium Commemoration. No further news has been received as yet from Geoffrey Henshall regarding the District Valuer's fee.

Letters have been received from the Parochial Church Council and from Dr A M Evans containing suggestions. It was agreed that the sub-Committee should hold its first meeting shortly.

Travellers. There has been no response from the Duke of Somerset's Agent to our letter following the last meeting.

Mrs Spicer has advised that there is a small encampment in the old roadway off Cotes Road parallel to Loughborough Road. Although no complaints have been received, considerable mess is being generated and, since this is County Council land, it was agreed to advise them of the situation.

Footpath through John Pepper's fields. Notices were prepared following the last meeting but these do not appear to have been displayed as yet. Mrs Saunders will follow up.

Mowing of Verges. The County Council have offered the Parish Council authority to arrange this for a five year period at a cost not exceeding what they pay, currently 75p per 100 square metres. The area in our parish is 8000 square metres and there are nine cuts per season.

It was agreed to decline this offer and to ask the County Council to continue to attend.

Burial Ground. Mrs Saunders volunteered to clear up the litter which has been left at the Burial Ground and which has now reached alarming proportions.

7 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Barrow Road/B675 junction. The offending sign has not yet been moved.

Overhanging Hedge, 24 Melton Road. The householder has now cut this right back to reveal the original wall.

Water seepage, Melton Road (foot of St Philips Road). This was reported to the County Council and an inspection of the water drainage grids in that area was noted earlier today.

Work outstanding. It was noted that the repairs to the B676 towards Six Hills had not been carried out and that the HGV advisory signs on Stanford Lane, Cotes had not been installed. Reminders will be given.

8 PFA/ PAVILION

The PFA will again be organising a Midsummer Fete, on Sunday 22nd June. Quotations are awaited for the refurbishment of the Shower area and for the pathway across the field. This latter has now been reduced in size and will probably link the two gates to the field, on Towles Field and on Barrow Road.

9 VILLAGE HALL

There has been no response to our requests to the Surveyors and Loss Adjusters for guidance on cutting back trees close to the Hall. It was agreed to make enquiries locally.

10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/97/01781 - 147 Melton Road, Burton - retention of three polytunnels on site of nursery (J M & T D Oakland)

and

P/97/01782 - retention of one single span polytunnel (same site and applicant)

It was agreed to leave these decisions to the Borough Council.

P/97/00555 - The Cowsheds, Prestwold Hall - conversion to four bedroomed dwelling.

Advice has been received that there has been an Appeal against the refusal of this Application by the Borough Council and this will be decided by way of an exchange of written statements by the parties and a site visit by a Planning Inspector. Any further representations had been required by 9th February and, having taken soundings, the Chairman had decided that no further action was appropriate. (The Parish Council had not objected to the original Application.)

P/98/00025 - The Cowsheds, Prestwold Hall - conversion of old cowshed to a dwelling with associated business use (The Trustees of Prestwold 1966 settlement).

This is a variation of the previous item and again the Chairman, following soundings, had agreed that no objection should be raised.

P/97/0515 - Hangar 4, Wymeswold Airfield - use of part for storage and distribution. This relates to the western end of the hangar, once occupied by the Ministry of Defence and not subject to the 1975 enforcement order. It was noted that the Borough Director of Corporate and Environmental Services has still to decide on this issue.

P/98/00027 - Burton Hall Nursing Home - change of use and internal alterations to form eight residential apartments (Mr & Mrs A Howe)

and

P/98/00032 - Land adjacent to Burton Hall - site for residential development with parking and access (Mr & Mrs AS Howe)

Although these are separate applications and will need to be responded to separately, for convenience they were discussed together. The Chairman read a prepared statement summarising the situation in respect of each of them, which he had drawn up following extensive consultations with the six Burton Councillors. This was intended as a basis for discussion and visitors as well as Parish Councillors were invited to express their views.

An extensive discussion ensued following which it was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mr Topham and carried unanimously that responses based on the Chairman's summary as modified at this Meeting should be sent.

The Hall conversion would not be opposed subject to the Listed Building Consent procedure being followed, the County Council being consulted regarding increased traffic flow from Hall Drive to Melton Road at peak

periods, the car parking arrangements being scrutinised, sewage and drainage arrangements being pronounced adequate and a maximum of eight apartments being specified.

The new development is opposed on grounds of loss of agricultural land, the narrowness of Hall Drive, the lack of pavements on Hall Drive and consequent safety issues, the narrow access from Hall Drive to Melton Road, proximity to the poultry farm, drainage and sewage limitations and the precedent of a previous refusal of development on the site in 1992.

The Clerk will prepare responses for vetting by the Chairman .

P/98/00085 - Land off Brook Street/Melton Road, Burton, erection of 40 dwellings with associated roads and public open spaces (Alfred McAlpine Homes [Mids] Ltd). Details of this Application had been received from the Borough Council earlier today and copies of the site layout were distributed to Members. This is the site referred to in the draft local plan and in that context we had given qualified support for a thirty home development but opposed an amended forty home proposal.

It was agreed that more time was needed to examine this major application which was accordingly deferred until the next meeting. An extension of time to respond has been requested.

P/95/02232 - Wymeswold Airfield, Application for Lawful Certificate for taking off and landing of Aircraft and other aviation activities. Mrs Pickford asked for news of this Application, made in September 1995, which features on every list of Applications on Hand issued by the Borough Council marked 'to be determined by Director of Legal and Environmental Services'. Mr Shields will check with the Director.

11 PARISH CHARTER

A draft document from the Borough Council had been circulated with the Agenda. As well as detailing those matters on which the Borough would commit itself to consulting with Parishes, it includes a list of those functions which might be delegated. It was decided to defer this item to the next meeting to allow more time for consideration.

12 FINANCE

Funds diminished by £272.58 in January, leaving a Business Reserve/Current Account balance of £7,609.22.

13 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies salary/expenses
incl. backdated increase £522.30
Leics Footpath Assoc, subscription 4.00

14 MISCELLANEOUS

Safekeeping of Deeds, etc. The Clerk wishes to establish where such documents are lodged. Amongst his papers is an Order by the Charity Commission appointing the Parish Council trustees of Burton Playing Field which ought to be filed with the Deeds. Our Bank, NatWest, has no record of holding any documents on our behalf.

It is believed that Moss Solicitors, successors to Moss, Latham and Toon (Ken Byass' firm) probably hold them. There should be a record in the Minute Book around ten years ago.

Borough Council Draft Public Art Strategy. This consultation document will be circulated to Members together with:

Borough Council Arts Development Grant Scheme

Leicestershire Footpath Association. Notice of the AGM was passed on to Mrs Saunders.

LCC Redundant Rural Buildings Initiative. Posters have been placed on Notice Boards.

LARAPLC. The annual meeting between the County Council and the Parishes will be on 27th April and Agenda items are invited.

Table of Parochial Fees. An updated version has been received and the Chairman has a copy.

Council for the Protection of Rural England. It was agreed to subscribe £15.00 to the CPRE.

'Local Council Administration' by Charles Arnold Baker. It was agreed to subscribe to the new edition at the discounted price of £27.38.

15 PRESS RELEASE

This will include the latest news on the poultry farm.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.



**MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and
Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the
Wolds on Tuesday 13th January 1998, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)
Mrs D Edmonds (from Item 7)
Mr R Moyle
Mr M Oakland
Mrs M Pickford
Mrs R Saunders
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

Mr K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)
Mr Paul Sutton (Tree Warden - from item 7)
Three Local Government Electors

1 APOLOGIES

There were none, all Members being present,

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting, 9th December 1997, were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Prestwold Estate Boundary Wall (Item 3). Mr Shields had no further news.

Village Hall Notice Board (item 3). Leicestershire County Council DLO have quoted £403.97 to replace this Board on the existing concrete posts. This compares to a total cost to erect three such Notice Boards for a total of £480 by the same contractor just over three years ago. They are to be asked to justify this staggering increase, and other quotes obtained.

A letter from the Borough Council dated 19th December confirms that 50% grants, up to £300 will be available in the next financial year, applications to be submitted by 31st March for consideration on 9th June.

4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Brookfields Farm, Bandalls Lane, Burton (Mr. B.S.Horrocks) - change of use of detached garage to Office with extension for Conservatory. The Parish Council is content to leave this decision to the Borough Council.

Burton Hall. Mr Shields advised that an Application has been received by the Borough Council to convert the Hall to apartments. No doubt we shall receive details shortly.

5 BOROUGH OF CHARNWOOD DRAFT LOCAL PLAN.

A letter from the Programme Officer dated 3rd December but not received until the 13th gave until 19th December for Objectors to advise whether they would rely on original submissions, submit further evidence or make an appearance at the inquiry. The Chairman had decided to rely on our original submission.

6 POULTRY FARM, SOWTERS LANE.

A letter from Beverly Green dated 19th December confirms that the Abatement Notice was served both on the farm owner, Mr J Wheeler and on the poultry producer, G W Padley Poultry Ltd on 19th December. The Schedule enclosed listed ten points for action at various intervals ranging from immediately to six months. The most significant, point 8, calls for the use of houses 1 and 2 to be discontinued within six months. There is a right of appeal within 21 days of service and it is anticipated that this might well be exercised

Invited to comment, electors present said that dust problems had been particularly bad last weekend and complaints had been made to Mr Fisk. The Clerk will respond to Miss Green advising these further problems and asking that the Borough continue to pursue the operators vigorously.

7 ENVIRONMENT

Lion's Mouth Fountain. Martin Tincknell of the Borough Plans and Conservation Division has sent a document 'What Listing Means' which details the action which local authorities can take if listed buildings become dilapidated. A Repairs Notice can be served and if this is not complied with the Authority can, in the last resort, compulsorily acquire the property. After discussion of the relative merits of stick or carrot approaches, it was proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mr Topham and carried unanimously that Mr Edmondson be asked to agree a 99 year lease of the fountain to the Parish Council, gently pointing out the benefits of such an agreement compared to the costs he would incur were a Repairs Notice to be served. The Clerk will draft a letter to be agreed by the Chairman before being sent.

St Philips Road Footpath. Peter Blitz advises that he has circulated our letter of 16th November to the Leisure Services Department to see if they now feel able to adopt this piece of land.

Litter Bin, Huntingdon Close, Burton. Michael Cameron of the Borough Engineering Services Division advises that the bin should be repositioned later this week.

Millennium Commemoration. A further letter from the Borough Director of Legal Services, Geoffrey Henshall, advises that there would appear to be no objections, from an Officer point of view, to the disposal of the land adjacent to Burton Village Hall. He has asked the District Valuer for an approximate figure for costs in agreeing terms and will revert.

The Common/Travellers. Mrs Saunders advised that the last group of travellers, encamped to the east of Horse Leys Farm had, contrary to first impressions, left a considerable mess at the back of the site and in the stream. The area was subsequently ploughed/ditched by Mr Trevor Eggleston but the mess remains.

It was agreed to write to the Duke of Somerset's Agent advising that, provided future access to travellers is denied, the Parish Council is prepared to consider favourably a financial contribution to clearing up this site.

Footpath through Mr John Pepper's land. Mrs Saunders has drafted a Notice to be exhibited at either end of this footpath regarding the need to control dogs since the footpath passes through fields in which Farm Assured cattle are kept. The Clerk will print this and return it to Mrs Saunders. Mr Pepper has also prepared his own Notice to be displayed alongside.

Dog fouling. It was reported that this is on the increase throughout Burton and attention will be drawn to this in the Press Release.

Memorial to the late Mr Eric Lodge. A parishioner had asked Mr Topham whether a tree could be planted outside Mr Lodge's former home in Springfield Close, Burton to commemorate his contribution to village life as a County Councillor and in other ways. After full discussion it was felt that, with the greatest respect to the memory of Mr Lodge, it would be difficult to agree to such a precedent when there were a number of others equally deserving of commemoration. A Roll of Honour was another possibility but again there would be difficulties in deciding who qualifies and how far back to go. Mr Topham undertook to convey this decision to the inquirer.

Volunteer Tree Warden. The Chairman welcomed Mr Sutton to the Meeting. He gave a brief outline of the work he is currently undertaking, including identification of older tree in the parishes. He has obtained permission to visit the Prestwold Estate in this context.

8 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

Parking at Burton School. Mr. East from the County Council had promised a written reply to our enquiry last year and says that this should be received later this week.

Barrow Road/B675 Junction. Mr East advises that the County Council agree our comments regarding the danger at this junction. The offending sign will be replaced by a smaller one in a different position and higher off the ground. The expenditure has been sanctioned in the current financial year.

Repairs to B676. Mr Andrew Lorimer, County Divisional Engineer advises that, although his Inspector is off sick, he does not believe that the paving slabs on pallets left at the Springfield Close/Loughborough Road junction belong to them. He suggests that a local resident may be paving a driveway! They would not attempt to repair the verge until the onset of better weather.

Mr Oakland reported a constant flow of water on Melton Road, opposite the garage. This will be reported.

Overhanging Hedge, 24 Melton Road, Burton. This has not been cut back as yet.

9 PFA/PAVILION

Mrs Saunders advised that the PFA are obtaining quotations for the path surrounding the field or play area, the subject of the letter from the Play Group Committee received at the last Meeting. She feels that their further request for wet-pour surfaces around the newest piece of equipment could encourage misuse by children jumping.

10 VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Edmonds reported that the repairs are not yet quite complete owing to problems with the contractor. There is still no advice as to how far the trees/undergrowth needs to be cut back and Mrs Walker has passed the contact name to the Clerk who will endeavour to obtain this information.

The annual electrical inspection is now taking place. This year a Ceiling Inspection is also required and the Committee are seeking a suitably qualified builder.

Mrs Edmondson also advised that the Committee are considering a request to commemorate the establishment of a Polish Community in Burton, fifty years ago, although none now remain.

11 FINANCE

Receipts last month totalled £837.31 including £300 Cricket Club contribution to ground maintenance and £188 in burial fees although £32.00 of this was an overpayment which is to be refunded. There is a balance of £7881.80 in the Business Reserve and £22,521.02 in the Capital Reserve.

The Auditor's Report for last year has finally been received and is all clear. It was displayed on the main Notice Board, as required, for 14 days. The VAT Authorities (H.M. Customs & Excise, Derby) made extensive enquiries into our latest claim before finally agreeing that it was all correct.

East Midlands Electricity have advised that business rebates of £50 will be applied to both the Village Hall and Pavilion accounts. During 1998 there will be the opportunity to switch to competitive sources of electricity supply.

The National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks have now agreed new rates for Parish Clerks arising from additional responsibilities due to the new Accounts and Audit Regulations. There is an increase of one spinal point on account of the additional responsibility and an increase of one hour per week to reflect the additional volume of work. In our case this means that the Clerk moves to Spinal Point 17 for six hours per week which equates to £1934.40 per annum. This is backdated to 1st April 1997. It was proposed Mrs Spicer, seconded Mrs Edmonds and carried unanimously that this increase be implemented.

12 PARISH PRECEPT, 1998/99.

The Borough Council advise that the Council Tax Base for our parishes for the coming year will be 452.8 (previously 452.1). The Clerk presented an estimated outturn compared to budget for the current year, together with a proposed budget for the coming year (copies attached to these Minutes). After discussion it was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Moyle and carried unanimously that, given the healthy surplus in prospect, the precept could again be reduced for the coming year, from £8000 to £7000. This will result in a Band D property paying £15.46 next year, compared to £17.70 this.

13 MISCELLANEOUS

Volunteer Archaeological Warden. Mr Peter Shaw, of Barrow Road, Burton, has now volunteered for this post, with assistance from Mrs Marie Boswell, also of Barrow Road. The Leicestershire Archaeological Network will be advised accordingly and this appointment was warmly welcomed by Members. It was suggested that Mr Shaw be invited to a meeting of the Council and Mr Moyle suggested that the Council should offer support to the Tree and Archaeological Wardens for worthy projects.

Boundary Commission. A Newsletter advises that with the proposed introduction of proportional representation on a regional list basis for European Elections, the review of Constituencies in England is to be discontinued.

CBC Public Forum on Recycling. Contents of a letter dated 10th December were noted.

International Tree Foundation. An appeal for funds was referred to the Tree Warden, for his recommendation.

14 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K.W.Davies	salary/expenses	£ 170.08
Parochial Church Council	Burial fees refund	32.00

15 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover the Poultry Farm, Pepper's Field, Dog Fouling, the B675 road sign, Precept and Archaeological Warden.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

COMPARISON TO BUDGET 1997/98

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Q1 - 3</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>Q4 Est.</u>	<u>Full Year</u>	<u>Excess/</u> <u>(shortfall)</u>
	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Rate precept	8,000.00	8,000.00	-	8,000.00	-
Allotment rents	260.00	280.00	-	280.00	20.00
Bank Interest	150.00	86.00	90.00	176.00	26.00
VAT recoverable	868.00	818.00	-	818.00	(50.00)
Misc. (A)	35.00	699.00	-	699.00	664.00
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	9,313.00	9,883.00	90.00	9,973.00	660.00
PAYMENTS					
Admin.					
Clerk's salary (B)	1,600.00	1,531.00	753.00	2,284.00	684.00
Clerk's travel	185.00	118.00	30.00	148.00	(37.00)
Office accom.	200.00	275.00	75.00	350.00	150.00
Insurance premia (C)	1,300.00	578.00	-	578.00	(722.00)
Telephone rental	137.00	99.00	35.00	134.00	(3.00)
Telephone calls	30.00	21.00	6.00	27.00	(3.00)
Postage	40.00	27.00	8.00	35.00	(5.00)
Photocopying	150.00	48.00	-	48.00	(102.00)
Stationery, etc.	80.00	190.00	20.00	210.00	130.00
LAPLC membership	150.00	123.00	-	123.00	(27.00)
Audit Fee	160.00	-	160.00	160.00	-
Members' expenses	75.00	-	-	-	(75.00)
Misc.	200.00	13.00	20.00	33.00	(167.00)
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	4,307.00	3,023.00	1,107.00	4,130.00	(177.00)
Playing Field (D)	2,000.00	1,854.00	23.00	1,877.00	(123.00)
Village Hall (E)	1,200.00	900.00	430.00	1,330.00	130.00
Allotments (F)	100.00	191.00	-	191.00	91.00
Burial Ground	600.00	656.00	-	656.00	56.00
'Link' Donation	50.00	-	50.00	50.00	-
Waymarking	100.00	-	-	-	(100.00)
Leics Rural C.C.	50.00	50.00	-	50.00	-
Misc.	100.00	10.00	20.00	30.00	(70.00)
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	4,200.00	3,661.00	523.00	4,184.00	(16.00)
TOTAL pre VAT	8,507.00	6,684.00	1,630.00	8,314.00	(193.00)
VAT payable	868.00	599.00	49.00	648.00	(220.00)
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	9,375.00	7,283.00	1,679.00	8,962.00	(413.00)
Excess of Income over Expenditure	(62.00)			1,011.00	3,016.00
B/f from 96/97	4,863.00			6,313.00	-
Predicted surplus	4,801.00			7,324.00	2,523.00

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Notes:

- A - Miscellaneous Receipts include £173 electricity refunds, £300 Cricket Club contribution to Playing Field maintenance and £188 Burial Ground fees.
- B - Clerk's salary includes £375 relating to previous year. The remaining excess is the increase recommended due to the new Accounting Regulations.
- C - Insurance premia for the Playing Field and Village Hall have been included under those headings.
- D - The Playing Field Total should be offset by the £300 contribution from the Cricket Club (see [A] above).
- E - Similarly, £161 of the electricity refund referred to in [A] relates to the Village Hall.
- F - The Allotments and Burial Ground totals each include £162 for water connection which had been expected to take place in the previous year.

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BUDGET 1998/99

	BUDGET	VAT	COMPARISON 1997/98
	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>			
Rates precept	7,000.00 8,000.00		8,000.00
Allotment rents	280.00		280.00
Bank Interest	150.00		176.00
VAT recoverable	799.00		818.00
Misc.	400.00		699.00
	9,629.00 8,629.00		9,973.00
<u>Expenditure</u>			
<u>Admin.</u>			
Clerk's salary	1,983.00	-	2,284.00
Clerk's Travel	130.00	-	148.00
Office accom.	300.00	-	350.00
Insurance premium	600.00	-	578.00
Tel. rental	140.00	24.00	134.00
Tel. calls	30.00	5.00	27.00
Postage	40.00	-	35.00
Photocopying	20.00	4.00	48.00
Stationery, etc.	150.00	26.00	210.00
LARAPLC membership	130.00	-	123.00
Audit Fee	170.00	30.00	160.00
Members' expenses	-	-	-
Misc.	100.00	18.00	33.00
	3,793.00		4,130.00
Playing Field	2,000.00	350.00	1,877.00
Village Hall	1,350.00	236.00	1,330.00
Allotments	60.00	-	191.00
Burial Ground	500.00	88.00	656.00
'Link' Donation	50.00	-	50.00
Waymarking	100.00	-	-
Leics. Rural CC	50.00	-	50.00
Misc.	100.00	18.00	30.00
	4,210.00	799.00	4,184.00
TOTAL pre VAT	8,003.00		8,314.00
VAT payable	799.00		648.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8,802.00		8,962.00
Surplus of income over expenditure	827.00 (173.00)		1,011.00
Estimate b/f from 96/97	7,324.00		6,313.00
Accumulated surplus	8,151.00 7,151.00		7,324.00

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**MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Ward of
Prestwold held in Burton on the Wolds Village Hall on Tuesday
12th May 1998 at 7.10 p.m.**

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)
Mr R Moyle
Mr R Shields
Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

Mr K W Davies (Parish Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2 MINUTES

It was proposed Mr Moyle, seconded Mrs Spicer and carried unanimously that the Minutes of the last meeting, 13th May 1997, be taken as read.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising other than those covered in the Chairman's Report.

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman presented his Report, copy of which is attached to these Minutes.

There being no other business, the Meeting was closed at 7.12 p.m.



PARISH OF PRESTWOLD

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. 1997/98

Composition of the Council

Mr Graham Brewin resigned in May and we were pleased to co-opt Mrs Diana Edmonds in August.

Charnwood Draft Local Plan

The Parish Council is playing its full part in the consultation process and, in particular, has made a submission to the Inspector in respect of the proposal for a housing development at Brook Street, Burton.

Planning Matters

The Parish Council is consulted by Charnwood Borough Council on all Planning Applications received for our parishes. Response is invariably made taking into account the best interests of our communities as a whole.

It is particularly pleasing that the rash of Applications for development on Wymeswold airfield has now died down and the unauthorised users turned off.

Traffic/Highways

There has been close liaison throughout the year with both the Leicestershire County Council and Charnwood Borough Council to ensure that the roads and footways in our parishes are maintained and cleaned to an acceptable standard.

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The County Highways Authority turned down our request for a weight restriction on Stanford Lane, Cotes, but have agreed to erect 'unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles' signs.

Playing Field

The Parish Council continued to give financial assistance to the Playing Field Association and is currently involved with refurbishment of the shower area in the Pavilion. We congratulate the PFA on their continued success in maintaining and improving this well used facility and in their success with the Midsummer Fete which attracted large crowds last summer despite inclement weather.

Village Hall

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Environment

I was very pleased that volunteers came forward for the positions of Tree Warden (Mr Paul Sutton) and Archaeological Warden (Mr Peter Shaw and Mrs Marie Boswell) and wish them well in these important roles.

Precept

It was pleasing that, as a result of tight financial control, we were able to reduce the precept for the third consecutive year. The precept, raised from Council Tax payers, has been reduced from £9275 in 1995/96 to £7000 in the current year.

Millennium

We intend to commemorate the Millennium in some suitable way, with the help of a grant available from Charnwood Borough. Already a sub committee is looking into various possibilities

Thanks

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Present:

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Mrs L Spicer
Mr K Topham

Mr K W Davies (Parish Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES

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2 MINUTES

It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Spicer and carried unanimously that the Minutes of the last meeting, 13th May 1997, be taken as read.

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REPORTED BY THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE YEAR OF 1957
Held in London on the 10th of January 1958 at 11 AM

Present

Mr D. B. B. (President)

Mr L. B. B.

Mr K. B. B.

Mr K. B. B. (Chairman)

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